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TENSION EASES AS REDS SOFTEN TERMS Govt May Send More Envoys To Peiping SOUTH BANK SHELLED

Nanking, April 10.

The Chinese Communist reversal of the past week's "surrender or else" demands on Nanking today had eased tension in China's civil war crisis.

Mr. Mao's statement, carried by the "New China News Agency," reads as follows: "The advocacy of the Communist Party of China is all to be seen in its statement of January 14. Since you agreed to the eight-point terms as the basis of negotiations then, by correctly realising them, it will not be difficult to reach a settlement. This applies also to the question of war criminals.

"At the centre of all this are the advancement of the cause of the Chinese people and the settlement of the domestic question through peaceful means. Under such a criterion we are prepared to adopt a policy of clemency. This has been conveyed to Chang Chi-chung in my personal talk with him today for the liberation of the Chinese people and the independence of the Chinese nation, for the early concluding of the war and the restoration of peace.

So as to facilitate the great work of beginning production and construction on a nationwide scale and to enable the State and the people to attain prosperity, strength and happiness, you and we should early conclude a peace agreement. The Communist Party of China is very willing to co-operate hand in hand with all patriotic elements within the country."

On the basis of the reply made by Mao Tse-tung to President Li Tsung-jen's appeal for moderation, the Communists last night reverted to the original eight-point programme on which the peace negotiations would proceed.

Peiping radio's announcement last night, quoting Mao's reply to President Li Tsung-jen, was generally believed to mean that the delegation headed by General Chang Chi-chung will now be permitted by the Communists to present the full programme drafted by Premier Ho Ying-chin and the cabinet.

Reds' Concessions

Meanwhile General Chang has sent a detailed reply to Acting President Li regarding a series of concessions made by Chairman Mao to avert a breakdown in the parleys, informed Chinese sources in Shanghai revealed today.

These concessions include: first, Mr. Mao has expressed willingness to withdraw the recent demand that Red armies be allowed a "peaceful crossing" of the Yangtze River during the peace negotiations to assist in the re-organisation of Nationalist forces and the rounding up of war criminals.

Secondly, that he is no longer insisting on the Nationalists clarifying their final attitude towards the Communists' eight peace terms before April 12; and thirdly, that he is prepared to make some concession on the demand for the arrest and punishment of war criminals.

Encouraged by the response to his appeal, President Li is said to be contemplating the dispatch of a group of high-ranking Kuomintang members in an unofficial capacity to Peiping to assist the official Government delegation in the negotiations with the Communists.

Likely choices as unofficial delegates are said to include ex-Premier Chang Chun, head of the

T.V. Soong In Taiwan

Taipei, April 10.

Dr. T. V. Soong and his wife arrived at Taipei yesterday from Hong Kong, presumably to discuss with the Taiwan Governor, General Chen Cheng, Nationalist China's position in Taiwan, before departure for Paris.

It was rumoured that Dr. Soong, who had been here twice in the past two weeks, was working on a plan to finance the Taiwan defence against a possible Red invasion.

It was reported he will leave soon for Europe on some mission for the Nationalist Government. —Associated Press.

Pacification Headquarters for South West China, who returned to Nanking yesterday from an interview with retired President Chiang Kai-shek at Chikow. Mr. Yu Yu-jen, President of the Central Yuan. Mr. Tung Kwang-shien, President of the Legislative Yuan and Mr. Chu Cheng, ex-President of the Judicial Yuan.

War Goes On

On the battlefronts, however, Communist forces today drove on Kuachow, Nationalist bridgehead on the North bank of the Yangtze 35 miles North East of Nanking, in a fight for positions that will allow them to disrupt traffic on the vital Shanghai-Nanking railroad.

Red troops were smashing East along the North bank of the Yangtze River toward Kuachow, after capturing the important ferry landing town of Yicheng, 25 miles North East of Nanking. Two smaller Government bridgeheads East of Yicheng still protect Kuachow.

The Communist artillery mounted in the Kuachow region would not only sweep the Shanghai-Nanking railroad on the South bank of the but could also bring Chinkiang under bombardment.

Chinkiang is the provincial capital of Kiangsu and the pivotal defence centre protecting the communications corridor between Nanking and Shanghai.

The first two Communist shells to fall on the South bank of the Yangtze this afternoon hit Lung-tan railway station 20 miles East of Nanking on the Nanking-Shanghai railway. Two people were killed and four were injured and the station was partly destroyed.

The shells came from the direction of Yicheng which the Communists captured 36 hours earlier.

Communists

Near Hankow

The official Military News Agency reported that Nationalist forces were falling back before Hankow under attack of Lin Piao's Manchurian columns. The Government admitted the loss of Hukow and Waochiatze, with Nationalist troops retreating to Changshuanlin, 30 miles North of Hankow.

The Military News Agency said other Communist troops have taken Shihui, 55 miles East of Hankow.

Government forces were also falling back before the big Yangtze port of Kiuksiang, 230 miles South West of Nanking. The Nationalists have given up Huangnei, 30 miles North of Kiuksiang.

The Military News Agency said Government bridgeheads opposite Wuhu, 60 miles South West of Nanking, were under strong attack.

Women In Red Army

Women fighters are marching with the Red People's Liberation Army field forces to cross South of the Yangtze River and liberate

all China," the Communist "New China News Agency" reported today.

Behind the front women marching with their male comrades, carrying full equipment, rifles, rifles and ammunition.

Spurring the offer of horses so that the animals might be used to carry munitions and provisions, the women, noted as a mobile stretcher bearers and doing everything from explaining the People's Liberation Army's policies to the local population to working in dramatic troupes to entertain the soldiers.

Five ships have been chartered by the Shanghai Garrison authorities to transport pro-Communist students to Red-controlled territory to see for themselves conditions prevailing there, according to Chinese press reports today.

The registration of students desiring to make such a trip has begun.

Besides being free of charge, the trips will be conducted under an escort of military guards but the students will be permitted to return here if they so desire, the reports added.

Crossing Attempt

With the Communists occupying many river ports on the North bank of the Yangtze, shipping circles said they would be compelled to suspend temporarily the service to Hankow.

It was learned the Ministry of National Defence had agreed to provide naval escort for shipping along and down the river but shipping circles said arrangements with the Communists before service can be resumed.

Nationalist military quarters believed the general Communist drive against the North bank of the Yangtze River was designed to clear the way for future Communist crossing operations. An immediate Communist attempt to their way to the South bank of the river is not likely because of the present high water season, they added.

The first armed Communist attempt to cross the Yangtze River at a point 175 miles South West of Nanking was reported in progress, according to the Military News Agency.

The agency said Communist artillery in Huangyang were continuously shelling the South bank since Friday night in support of a first armed attempt to cross the river. The despatch added that up to now over 10 Communist junks were sunk by naval fire.

United Press, Associated Press and Reuter.

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Pope Meets ILO Delegates



Pope Pius XII shook hands with delegates at the second session of the Building, Civil Engineering and Public Works Committee of the International Labour Organisation at the Vatican on March 25. He spoke about post-war international reconstruction. —Associated Press Photo.

ATTLEE BLAMES USSR FOR DIVIDED WORLD

Glasgow, April 10.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, said, in an outspoken attack on Soviet Communism here tonight, that "the responsibility for dividing the world rests squarely on the Russians".

The Premier, who was addressing a Labour rally in this great engineering and shipbuilding city, declared that the Atlantic Pact was not aggressive but purely defensive.

"Those who attack it as offensive do so from bad conscience," Mr. Attlee said.

"They take just the same line as the Nazis did when every attempt by the nations to get together was denounced as the encirclement of Germany."

"We seek by the Pact to gain for the nations a sense of security which they so urgently desire. We seek by the organisation of security to make the world safe against aggression and a pooling of strength to reduce the burden of armaments."

"But the Atlantic Pact does not stand alone. We have also taken a leading part in seeking to restore economic prosperity to distressed Europe."

Marshall Aid was welcomed by all the nations of war-weary Europe, the Socialist Premier said.

"The countries of Eastern Europe wanted to partake, but after a slight hesitation the veto of Russia came down."

"We do not give up hope of reuniting Europe," Mr. Attlee said. But, he added, this could only be done if the Communists gave up their attempt to bring the whole world into line, to confine every

single person within the strait-jacket of Marx-Leninism."

What had been done in India, Pakistan, Ceylon and Burma and in the Colonial countries made no impression on those who did not understand freedom. They continued to shout their old shibboleths about British imperialism, Mr. Attlee said.

USSR's Veto

In the last three years the British Government had done everything possible to make the United Nations work, the Premier continued, but the power of the veto, which when it was put into the Charter, was regarded as a device only to be used in the last resort, has been employed by the U.S.S.R. "to block all progress," to prevent any action which was not completely in accord with what the Soviet Government wished.

"I still believe that the United Nations can be made the instrument of enduring peace," Mr. Attlee went on. "I still hold that we need an effective world organisation, but I have to recognise the hard facts of the situation. If we cannot get an effective all-inclusive security we must get what we can."

Labour's policy was "neither watered down Communism nor a modified capitalism." "We do not sacrifice the individual to the State," he said. "The Communists or sacrifice the majority of the people to the liberty of the few with the individualist," the Premier said.

"We believe that every individual human being has the right to the fullest possibilities of development. We believe in the freedom of the human spirit."

Reuter.

Huks Renew Appeal For Public Support

Manila, April 10.

Red victories in China have failed to boost the stock of the Communists in the Philippines, Brigadier-General Alberto Ramos, chief of the Philippine Constabulary, claimed at his news conference today.

Ramos said, a current propaganda drive in which the Communist-led Hukbalahap guerrillas are renewing their appeal for public support, indicates they are badly in need of followers.

Propaganda posters have recently appeared at such places as Quezon City Hall on the outskirts of Manila.

Ramos claimed the rate of Huk desertions and peaceful surrenders has grown while 8,000 Constabulary troops press their cam-

A-Bombs Ready!

Washington, April 10. Mr. Sumner Pike, member of the Atomic Energy Commission, said today the United States has a stockpile of atom bombs ready for action.

Mr. Pike spoke before the Tenth Pacific North West Conference on Banking here. He did not believe Russia has the atomic bomb, adding "If you are a timid soul you will wake up in the middle of the night wondering if Russia has found a way."

Mr. Pike said the Commission hopes to find a shortcut in the production of useful atomic energy. He said 40 or 50 years may be cut from the usual step-by-step procedure. —United Press.

WORLD PRICES MAY FALL WITHIN YEAR

Easington, England.

April 10. The War Secretary, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, predicted relief from Britain's austerity budget by a fall of prices throughout the world within the next 12 months.

In a speech here last night, Mr. Shinwell said world prices might very possibly fall in the next 12 months, thereby reducing Britain's import expenditures.

He said should this happen and if Britain could keep up its high production level, "we shall be able to tell a very different story in 1950."

Mr. Shinwell sympathised with disappointed Britons who expected the Chancellor of the Exchequer to slash the heavy purchase tax. But he declared the budget was a realistic one and reflected the heavy burden of war.

"We have not yet escaped from the financial and economic damage inflicted on us during the war," Mr. Shinwell said. "This should convince us that every possible step should be taken to prevent another."

United Press.

WESTERN ALLIES PROMISE SELF-RULE TO REICH

Berlin, April 10.

The Western Allies promised the German people self-government today but reserved the right to resume complete power if necessary to preserve democracy or to align Germany with the West.

In an 800-word occupation statute handed to Western Germany's constituent assembly at Bonn and released here, the military governors of the United States, Britain and France proclaimed:

(1) That the forthcoming West German State will have "full legislative, executive and judicial powers."

(2) But the Allies will retain control over nine governmental functions, including foreign affairs, Berlin and the Ruhr administration, displaced persons, Allied security, foreign trade and control over internal matters necessary to reduce the need for Allied financial aid.

(3) The Allies reserve the right to veto any legislation which might be deemed "a grave threat to the basic purpose of the occupation."

(4) The Occupation authorities "hope and expect" they will not be required to assume powers other than the nine governmental functions listed.

(5) However, they reserve the right, acting under the instructions of their governments, to return in whole or in part the exercise of full authority if they consider that it is necessary to security or to preserve a democratic government in Germany or in pursuance of international obligations of their governments.

(6) Before resuming such authority, the Allies will notify the German government of their decision and the reasons for it.

(7) The new West German government will not have the right to repeal the occupational laws.

(8) After one year and within 18 months, the Allies will review the provisions of the statute "with a view to increasing the jurisdiction of the German authorities in the legislative, executive and judicial fields."

Signed By Three Allies

The statute was signed by United States General Lucius D. Clay, British General Sir Brian Robertson and French General Pierre Koenig.

The statute said that Allied rights are reserved "in order to insure the accomplishment of the basic purposes of the occupation." Besides reserving the right to veto German legislation considered "a grave threat" to those purposes, the Allies said legislation also would be disapproved if it is considered "inconsistent with the basic law and constitution, legislative or other directives of the Occupation authorities, the laws, or the provisions of this instrument (the Occupation Statute)."

All vetoes, according to the three-power agreement announced by Washington, will be reached by a majority decision but any dissenting nation may delay action by appealing to the governments for settlement.

The Weather

AT 0800 GMT (9 p.m. HKST) an anticyclone over the Pacific East of Japan is moving Eastwards and a fairly weak anticyclone centred over Hough is moving South East. Between these systems a trough extends from the sea of Japan to North Formosa and Central China. In the North it is moving rapidly East but in the South West where it is moving South it is expected to decelerate. There is little pressure gradient over the South China Sea.

Today's Forecast: Light South East breeze becoming Easterly winds. Occasional showers for and occasional drizzle but improving gradually.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 78.0 deg. Fah. Minimum: 68.3 deg. Fah. Sunshine: 1.7 hours.

Rainfall: Trace. Total since Jan. 1—199.8 mm—5.1 ins. as against an average of 106.4 mm—4.1 ins.

Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m.

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Rel. Humidity ... 69 68 %

Dew Point ... 61 60 deg. F.

Wind Direction ... E E

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Low ... 0110 2.1

Low ... 0810 1.0

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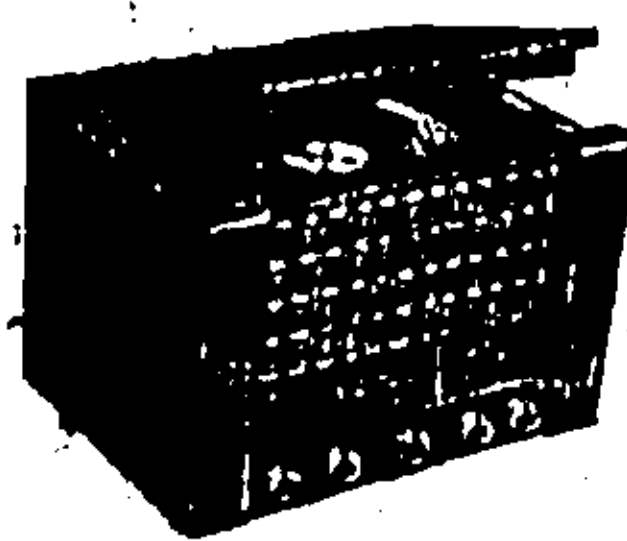
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U.S. Checks Move Of Strategical Materials

Washington, April 10.

Official suspicion that a drive is on to slip strategic materials to nations behind the Iron Curtain has touched off an investigation on export control violations.

Reminders

Today

HK and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, Jardine's Board Room, 12 noon.
Bridge-Mahjong Drive, Police Recreation Club, Happy Valley, 2.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.
Combined Royal Marine Orchestra Concert, China Fleet Club, 9.15 p.m.
Crown Land sale, former site of Peak Hotel at PWD office, 3 p.m.
Talk on "German Painting" by the Rev. Fr. T. Ryan, PTO Lecture Room, 5.30 p.m.
HK Football References Association meeting, HKFA Office, 8.30 p.m.
Hockey: Cable and Wireless vs. Army, at Sookumpoo, 5.30 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Urban Council meeting, GPO Building, 4.15 p.m.
Church Missionary Society, 160th Anniversary, 9.45 hour continuous Intercession, St. John's Cathedral, 7.30 a.m.
HK Rotary Club luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, Dowdell and Co.'s office, HK Bank Building, 11 a.m.
HK Stage Club Casting Meeting for "Quiet Week-end" at PRO Lecture Room, 8 p.m.
Tee H Club meeting, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
Union Church Management Committee meeting, Jardine's Board Room, 8.30 p.m.

Confirmation Service Held

Yesterday, on Palm Sunday, a Confirmation Service was held at the St. Andrew's Church.

The morning Prayer was conducted by the Reverend John H. Ogilvie, the Vicar. The Easons were read by the Senior Chaplain of the Forces, the Reverend Morris, and Major-General F. R. G. Matthews.

The Right Reverend R. O. Hall the Bishop of Hong Kong, confirmed the following candidates: Hilda E. Carr, Doris D. Carr, Frank A. King, Peter Luck, Leslie Quile, Eugene Shih, Thomas G. Strangways, Cecil E. Tilley, Andrew Wong, Joan L. Heather, Lanna Cheung, Elizabeth M. Larkin, Lilian Drew, Ivy Brumwall, Rosalind Hale, Patricia Rheinisch, Patricia Perry, Lily Cheung, Evelyn Chan and George Liang.

RECITAL AT ST. ANDREW'S

The first St. Andrew's Church monthly recitals of recorded music will be given on April 24, at 9 p.m. at the Church Hall.
Dr. K. H. Utley, of the Queen Mary Hospital, will arrange the programme, and the GEC will provide the technical equipment. Collection received will be donated to the Organ Fund.

CONCERT IN AID OF ORGAN FUND

A concert, in aid of the Organ Fund, will be held in the St. Andrew's Church Hall on April 22.
The artists will be Miss Caroline Brage, piano, Miss Betty Drown, piano, Mr. Schuman Chou, soprano, Miss Lill Vincent, contralto, and Mr. Richard Li-Tenor. Tickets can be obtained from the Vicarage, Church and YMCA Kowloon.

NEXT CHANGE AT THE

ENTIRELY NEW COPY!

In Houston, Texas, on Friday the Government seized a 1,300,000-pound load of carbon black that had made what officials called a "mysterious" round-about trip from Texas to Mexico and back—ostensibly en route to Rotterdam, Holland. The load was valued at U.S.\$150,000.

Carbon black is used in the making of rubber and other industrial purposes, and is one of the items on the U.S. Government's list of goods denied Russia.

Officials indicated that further investigations are under way now in other parts of the country, dealing with other materials. The Commerce Department's Office of International Trade has revoked some licences for export of certain goods to Marshall Islands because of suspicion of discoveries that they were to be moved on to the Soviet bloc. One instance includes a shipment of rubber-treating chemicals to Switzerland, which OIT feared would wind up in Poland. Another involved a shipment of machinery which it thought might be re-exported to Russia.

The Houston seizure was the largest ever made for violation of current export laws. It came after a week of investigation by both the Commerce Department and the Customs Bureau. Officials said the carbon black, readily available for export to friendly nations because a shortage no longer exists in this nation, was ordered from a Texas firm for delivery to Mexico City. The shipment went through the Laredo, Texas port of entry, but instead of continuing to the Mexican capital, it was sent to the port of Tampico, on the Gulf of Mexico, and put on board the vessel Amidk for Rotterdam. Associated Press.

Navigation Aids Needed By Ships

The need for modern navigation aids in ships to ensure safety even in bad weather was clearly demonstrated when the Washington Mall ran aground at Puget Sound last February, while it was en route to Hong Kong.

A small motorship nearby saw on her own radar set the C-3 freighter run into the rocks in thick fog but had no means of wireless communication. The Washington Mall arrived here yesterday from the United States. It sustained a large hole amidships and several smaller ones as a result of that mishap. She stayed aground for about 24 hours before she was eventually pulled out by six tugs at high tide.

According to the ship's crew, the ship went aground just after midnight while she was slowly proceeding in the thick fog. No one knew when she slid into the rocks.

The forepeak apparently was above the rocks and hence did not sustain any damage. It was low tide when the first tug arrived eight hours later in answer to the Washington Mall's s.o.s. call.

Five others arrived at about 11 a.m. and started to pull. Among them, the tugs could not pull out the Washington Mall and they had to wait for high water.

The freighter left New York with a full load of deck cargo, lumber, plywood, and other goods to Seattle where she was to unload the cargo and was in the dockyard for four days for some repairs.

TO SALVAGE MISS ORIENT

Canton, April 10.
Salvage of the Miss Orient will begin any time. She is lying on her starboard side in the Elliott. Following an explosion on March 24.
The local agents of the ill-fated ship said today the engines of the vessel are in good condition. They figure it will take one month to get the river vessel refitted and another two months to complete all repairs. Associated Press.



Two popular members of Hong Kong's younger set announce their engagement today—Miss Christina Joyce MacIntyre Brown and Mr. Stanley Benjamin Locke. The young lady's father is Mr. J. W. MacIntyre Brown, the Colony's chief preventive officer, and Mr. Locke is also on the Revenue Department. He has been in his present appointment for two years. Miss MacIntyre's release from the Commandos. The wedding is tentatively planned to take in Sydney next year—possibly on July 16, which happens to be the birthday of both Miss Brown and Mr. Locke. ("China Mail" photo).

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

That China Problem

Sir,—Reading over your correspondence columns these last few days, I am positively at a loss to know why some of these experts on China's sovereign rights (sic) have not offered their advice to the Government itself. Seems to me it's all wasted here. And it appears to have all started over "Poppycock" and his brainless scheme of starting to get tough, Britain, the U.S.A. and France to walk right back into Shanghai, hoist the old S.M.C. flag and put the International Settlement back on its feet. For what? Just to give a horde of grafting officials with their ill-gotten gains sanctuary under foreign protection?

No sir! Shanghai is finished! It may take a few more years for it to sink back again to its original status as a mud-flat but it assuredly will. Bustled drainage, six feet piles of garbage in almost every street, China's sovereign rights and the income of Shanghai will see to that. I'd much rather put my money on "Simple Simon" and his fourteen points that the Chinese will never permit foreigners to exploit their country again. (Of course not! The Japs and the Soviets never did get around to asking China's permission, and went right ahead.)

"Avenue Joffre" has the right idea too. He states all that is necessary is foreign financial assistance to the right party, and laws must be strictly enforced to eradicate corruption (take note of that, officials!) then the Chinese can save themselves from any undesirable foreign doctrine. Quite right! Just send along the dough, eh? But tell us who is the right party to send it to, and who's doing all the corruption, so we don't send them any. Seems to me I've been doing it all wrong the last thirty years helping just about every different organization in China. Really I'm all in a whirl now!

Then along comes old "Wooden Head" and after just about castigating all and sundry who have been helping China, positively insists that the Anglo-American first line of defence should be the Yellow River valley. If not Manchuria, NOT the Yangtze! But surely "Wooden Head" that would be a breach of

China's sovereign rights? or do you imagine a Peking pact would involve the signatories in helping China fight the Chinese? Nuts! Unless of course you would insist on the foreign armies being placed under Chinese Generals.

To get back to "Simple Simon" and point No. 7 in his letter, what foreigners "S.S." are remaining in China? I've only recently travelled down from the North via Hankow and Shanghai and I only saw a mere handful, don't tell me you mean "Hong Kong foreigners"? What few remained in Shanghai were hoping the Chinese officials there would grant them the necessary visas to get out!

What I did see was a once beautiful city, the Paris of the East, now a rotten excrement, reeking with open corruption, a blot on the Orient, garbage left rotting in every street, squatters huts on the side-walks, thousands of poor, wounded and uneducated soldiers who have to beg for their existence from the populace adding to other thousands of helpless refugees and outcasts, victims of China's civil war. Yes, there is plenty to be said for sovereign rights! And perhaps "Simple Simon" does not know that Shanghai WAS offered back to the Powers (I quote from a recent issue of an American magazine) and refused without thanks.

Shanghai, one time "Paris of the East" backed up by a dozen nations with their motto "Omnia Juncti in Uno" like all foreign Concessions in China fell to China's sovereign rights, just as Hong Kong most assuredly will. What happened elsewhere can and will happen here.

DOO MO LOO.

LABOUR UNION MEETING

Two hundred representatives from 31 local labour unions held a general meeting at the Lok Kowk Hotel yesterday.

A Chairman Committee of 31 representatives from each union, presided over the meeting. Mr. Chan Tung-chin was appointed the director of the committee. Matters regarding the welfare of workers and workers' educational programme were thoroughly discussed.

Russian Veto On Korea Is Anti-UN

New York, April 9.

An editorial in the "New York Times" today says Russia's veto of South Korea's application for United Nations membership was directed "against the United Nations."

The veto, said the "Times," was indeed entirely consistent with a long record of Soviet obstructionism in the case of the Korean Republic. "The Soviet veto was directed not against the United States but against the United Nations. The United Nations, Dr. Choung Pyung-uk, was accurate when he called it 'another anti-United Nations' device for blocking the work of the United Nations."

He said in Washington, the Korean Ambassador to the United States, Mr. Choung Pyung-uk, expressed his disappointment at the Soviet veto. "The Soviet veto was directed against the United Nations," he said.

Korea's application as a member of the United Nations. "We feel this very unfair and unjust and against the principles of democracy," he said. He added that the Security Council vote of nine to two and the Assembly action in Paris, where 48 nations voted for recognition, "mean that the majority of the nations of the world want us to be a member of the United Nations, but we are being blocked."

He then said he was not discouraged but was "looking forward to the bright day when we will be admitted." Associated Press and United Press.

To Investigate Russia's Holding Of Jap POW's

Tokyo, April 9.

A special committee of Japan's House of Councillors today opened an investigation into Russia's holding of Japanese prisoners in Soviet labour and indoctrination camps. Investigations by Japanese of the actions of an Allied Occupation Power could not be conducted without the tacit approval of the American headquarters.

General MacArthur and some of his staff officers have used some of their bluntest language in attacking the Soviets' failure to comply with the Allied agreements for regular and speedy repatriation of prisoners, alleging that Russia was holding the Japanese as slave labourers and seeking to convert them to Communism. More than 300,000 Japanese are still held in Siberia and all repatriation was halted by the Russians during the winter.

First Witness
The first witness called by the Upper House investigating committee was the former commander of the Japanese 122nd Division in Manchuria, former Lieutenant General Watanabe Akashika, who returned to Japan last February. He reported that at the beginning no efforts were made to bother with Communist education of officers but from about the spring of 1947 they divided the camp into two groups, one of civilians and one of generals, and began their education. (Akashika was in a camp for high ranking officers.)

Pamphlets on the Soviet constitution and the transition of the Socialist States towards a Communist country were provided. The food situation was very poor around March, 1946, but during the next spring food and other supplies furnished prisoners increased markedly. United Press.

Programme By Orchestra

A promenade concert presented by the Hong Kong Light Orchestra (provided) two hours of enjoyable musical entertainment at the Hong Kong Hotel "Grippers" last night, attended by a fairly large number of people. The programme was well received, particularly the two solo items of the evening.

Miss Margaret Tarrant delivered her three songs with worthy expression, especially the "Cradle Song" (Chopin). An encore was called but unfortunately none came. Mr. Victor Orloff on the violin played some difficult pieces with complete mastery.

The orchestral items were selections from the Light Orchestra's previous presentations. They played Ravi's "Cavatina" with exacting accomplishment.

The presentation last night was in aid of Cathedral Funds. The services of Hong Kong's commendable music talents were, therefore, enlisted in aid of worthy cause.

Hawker Drops To Death

A chewing gum hawker Ng Shun, aged 28, fell from the first floor of a building, when he was trying to climb on to the ledge. His skull was fractured and he died shortly after his admission to hospital.

Shortly after 3 p.m. yesterday, Sub-inspector Russell was on duty at the junction of Lee Yuen Street East and Des Voeux Road Central. Ng at that time was selling chewing gum. He saw the police officer coming and started to run.

Ng fell when he was trying to climb across a ledge. Suddenly he lost his balance and fell into the street.

SMUTS VIEWS ON C'WEALTH

Capetown, April 9.
Field Marshal Jan Smuts today said India's plan to be an independent republic yet remain within the Commonwealth violated every concept of the Commonwealth.

Marshal Smuts said there was no middle course between being in and being out of the Commonwealth.

"In some nebulous way you can be both in and out of the Commonwealth, the concept goes and what remains is a mere name without substance," said Marshal Smuts. United Press.

**NO MORE BBC
NEWS FOR INDIA**
New Delhi, April 9.
It was officially stated that India's national radio network will not rely BBC news programmes after April 10.

Recreio To Visit Macao

In an annual combined sports and social meeting with Macao, Club de Recreio will be travelling to the Portuguese port this year for the tournaments.

The first occasion of this kind began in 1947 when Recreio visited Macao first, and was host to their compatriots last year.

The team of Club de Recreio, which numbers some 60 including hockey, tennis and badminton players, and a bridge group, leaves on April 18.

In Macao the games will be played over three days with the players returning to the Colony on April 18. The Hon. Leo d'Almada who is in the bridge team, will be Club de Recreio's representative.

Those taking part for Recreio are: Hockey: R. Sales, J. B. Goncalves, A. Nery, W. A. Reed, R. A. Marques, H. Rosa, A. Couto, J. Roza-Pereira, A. A. Marques, C. Gutierrez, H. J. Xavier, T. Mendes, J. B. Goncalves, F. Ribeiro, A. V. Remedios, T. Rodrigues, J. Remedios, A. J. Remedios, C. Barreto, R. A. Marques, L. d'Almada, Remedios, and A. Rosa, Margaret Xavier, Marie Figueredo, Marie Ribeiro.

Badminton: J. J. Remedios, A. J. Remedios, F. Ribeiro, T. Rodrigues, E. Rosario, and G. Vranovich.

Strike In UK Movie Industry

London, April 10.
Cameras in Britain's strike-bound movie industry struck the Government last night to take over part of the distribution of British-made films.

The Association of Cine Technicians also attacked movie makers who, it said, "have pursued a policy of subordinating British productions in favour of the exhibition of mainly American films."

The Union set forth its views in a resolution. The movie strike began on Friday with a walkout of electricians in the J. Arthur Rank studio at Denham in protest against the dismissal of one of their union officials.

The stoppage spread to Rank's Pinewood studios, where technicians accused the film company of staging a lockout.

The company said it had closed the Pinewood studios because electricians refused to work while the Denham dispute was being discussed. Associated Press.

SOFTBALL TEAM TO VISIT CANTON

The Overseas Chinese Softball team will be visiting Canton for the Easter holidays for a series of games.

During their stay in Canton, they will meet Lingnam University, Pui Ching College and a Rest of Canton team.

Hong Kong soccer will be losing four players who have distinguished themselves on the local soccer field—Balferry, Higgs, Rowlands and Holloway—all of the Royal Navy.

These four players will be leaving the Colony for home on Monday next and their departure will leave a gap which it will not be easy to fill.

WHERE IS THAT MAN?

Where is that "bald-headed man"? This is a question which has been asked frequently of late by a large number of Chinese soccer fans and the man to whom they are referring is Weatherall of the Army.

Weatherall, who has been away from Singapore, is very popular with the Chinese, who admire him not only for his football skill, but also for his fine sportsmanship.

Weatherall has been selected to represent the Colony against Combined Singapore Services this coming week-end.

MAY ATTEND AIR DISPLAY

Paris, April 9.
Soviet Russia and Spain may take part in the 18th International Air Exhibition to be held here from April 29 to May 10, according to an official of the French Air Ministry. Other countries—Britain, the United States, Canada, Belgium, Holland, Italy, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia, and—Newspapers normally agreed to submit requests.

Scots Win Championship First Time In 13 Years

London, April 9. Scotland, scoring a dramatic 3-1 victory over England at Wembley Stadium here today in their annual soccer battle, not only gained their first victory over England since 1938, but won the international championship for the first time for 13 years.

The delighted Scots went wild with excitement at the finish and rushed on to the famous pitch to hug their players.

It was not a classic encounter, and the English team did as much to beat themselves as did the Scots. They had their chances, but the ball did not run kindly for them, as usually happens when a side is not at its best.

Scotland led 1-0 at the interval by a goal scored off the upright in the 20th minute by inside right Macdonald, but it was England who should have been in front at half-time.

When Scotland became two up six minutes after the resumption with a goal by inside left Steel, who shot into an open net with the English goalkeeper on the floor, England seemed to go to pieces. It was no surprise, therefore, when outside left Reilly put the Scots three in front with a lovely goal from close in ten minutes later.

The result must have been particularly disappointing to the brilliant Mortenson who had over been on the losing side in the 10 internationals in which he had played.

Scotland had had a couple of narrow escapes and England seemed to be gaining the ascendancy when the Scots went ahead. Macdonald scored from a pass from Reilly. Disaster came for England in the sixth minute after the resumption. Franklin, Swift and Houlston went for the ball in the goalmouth and all three went down in a heap. The ball was rolled out to Steel, who calmly pushed it into the open net.

With England now at sixes and sevens, Scotland went further ahead when a beautiful movement resulted in Reilly netting from a perfect pass from Waddie, the outside right.

England, rallied, and Milburn netted after 30 minutes from a move in front of goal. Inspired by this score, England tried hard to pull the match out of the fire, but although the closing minutes were all England, Scotland held out to win. Their great victory was gained before more than 30,000 Scots, who had travelled across the border for the match.

Portsmouth, Division I leaders, after their great mid-week win at Newcastle, went down when visiting Blackpool. League II leaders, Southampton, lost at home for the first time this season, and Hull City were dropped from the top of the Northern Section of Division III table.

It was a bad day for many home clubs, as well as England. Only 18 of the 44 Football League games were won by the teams playing on their own ground, while 12 away clubs won and there were 14 draws.

Attendances Down
In spite of better weather League attendances showed a decline, totalling about 815,000, possibly due to supporters preferring to listen to the international match broadcast rather than 30,000, their lowest of the season, at Manchester United draw with Chelsea. Three Manchester players, Cockburn, Pearson and Aston were playing at Wembley.

The unexpected Portsmouth defeat at Blackpool came through a goal by Adams, the deputy at outside right for Stanley Matthews. He showed considerable promise.

Newcastle's faith in retaining the side, trounced by Portsmouth, was fully justified at Derby, for they recovered from a 2-1 half-time deficit, rattling on three second-half goals. They should have scored another, but Cowell missed a penalty.

With Tonn Finney on England duty, Preston North End suffered a heavy blow in the First Division relegation struggle. They lost to Aston Villa, whereas the four teams immediately above them all drew.

Wolverhampton played splendidly against Stoke, although without a goal.

Leicester City became more deeply involved in the Second Division relegation struggle through losing to Nottingham Forest, who thus raised themselves above Lincoln. Although Leicester have three games in hand, they are still in a perilous position, as their relegation must cause them the gravest concern.

The only League leaders to win were Swansea, who took two valuable points at Northampton, and maintained their place of six points over Reading.

The Northern Section Hull again showed signs of promotion nerves with an undifferentiated display against Southport, the bottom club. Nottingham, on the other hand, gained a clear victory at Leeds and lead by four points, although Hull have two games in hand.

Home Football Leagues

FIRST DIVISION

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Portsmouth	25	12	8	5	32
Newcastle	25	10	9	6	29
Cardiff	25	10	10	5	30
Sheff Wed	25	10	10	5	30
Manchester C	25	10	10	5	30
Arsenal	25	14	10	1	38
Manchester U	25	14	10	1	38
Wolves	25	14	10	1	38
Blackpool	25	11	12	2	34
Liverpool	25	11	12	2	34
Chelsea	25	11	12	2	34
Millwall	25	11	12	2	34
Sheff Utd	25	11	12	2	34
Derby	25	11	12	2	34
Sheff Wed	25	11	12	2	34
Sheff Utd	25	11	12	2	34
Derby	25	11	12	2	34
Sheff Wed	25	11	12	2	34
Sheff Utd	25	11	12	2	34
Derby	25	11	12	2	34

SECOND DIVISION

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Southampton	25	12	7	6	31
W.B.A.	25	12	7	6	31
Fulham	25	10	9	6	29
Sheff W	25	10	9	6	29
Sheff Utd	25	10	9	6	29
Sheff Wed	25	10	9	6	29
Sheff Utd	25	10	9	6	29
Sheff Wed	25	10	9	6	29
Sheff Utd	25	10	9	6	29
Sheff Wed	25	10	9	6	29
Sheff Utd	25	10	9	6	29
Sheff Wed	25	10	9	6	29
Sheff Utd	25	10	9	6	29
Sheff Wed	25	10	9	6	29
Sheff Utd	25	10	9	6	29
Sheff Wed	25	10	9	6	29

THIRD DIVISION (Southern)

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Swansea	25	12	7	6	31
Reading	25	12	7	6	31
Bournemouth	25	10	9	6	29
Sheff W	25	10	9	6	29
Sheff Utd	25	10	9	6	29
Sheff Wed	25	10	9	6	29
Sheff Utd	25	10	9	6	29
Sheff Wed	25	10	9	6	29
Sheff Utd	25	10	9	6	29
Sheff Wed	25	10	9	6	29
Sheff Utd	25	10	9	6	29
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Sheff Utd	25	10	9	6	29
Sheff Wed	25	10	9	6	29
Sheff Utd	25	10	9	6	29
Sheff Wed	25	10	9	6	29

THIRD DIVISION (Northern)

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Rotherham	25	12	7	6	31
Hull	25	12	7	6	31
Doncaster	25	10	9	6	29
Sheff W	25	10	9	6	29
Sheff Utd	25	10	9	6	29
Sheff Wed	25	10	9	6	29
Sheff Utd	25	10	9	6	29
Sheff Wed	25	10	9	6	29
Sheff Utd	25	10	9	6	29
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Sheff Utd	25	10	9	6	29
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Sheff Utd	25	10	9	6	29
Sheff Wed	25	10	9	6	29
Sheff Utd	25	10	9	6	29
Sheff Wed	25	10	9	6	29

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—"A"

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Dundee	24	15	4	5	34
Rangers	24	15	4	5	34
Hibernian	24	15	4	5	34
East Fife	24	15	4	5	34
St. Mirren	24	15	4	5	34
Q. of South	24	15	4	5	34
Falkirk	24	15	4	5	34
G Celtic	24	15	4	5	34
Hearts	24	15	4	5	34
Partick T.	24	15	4	5	34
Motherwell	24	15	4	5	34
Clyde	24	15	4	5	34
Greenock	24	15	4	5	34
Morton	24	15	4	5	34
Albion R.	24	15	4	5	34

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—"B"

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Stirling A.	24	15	4	5	34
Dunfermline	24	15	4	5	34
Airdrie	24	15	4	5	34
Queen's Park	24	15	4	5	34
St. Johnstone	24	15	4	5	34
Arbroath	24	15	4	5	34
Q. of South	24	15	4	5	34
Hamilton A.	24	15	4	5	34
Kilmarnock	24	15	4	5	34
Dundee U.	24	15	4	5	34
Greenock	24	15	4	5	34
Alloa	24	15	4	5	34
Dumfries	24	15	4	5	34
East Stirling	24	15	4	5	34

TO BACK SANDS FOR \$1,000

Sydney, April 9. A syndicate of eight Sydney sportsmen are anxious that the Australian middle, light-heavy, and heavy-weight boxing champion, Dave Sand, should meet Dick Turpin for the British Empire middleweight title.

SCOTLAND LOSE TO WALES

Rhyl, Wales, April 9. Wales beat Scotland by four goals to two in a friendly international here today. The Scots were leading by one goal at half-time.

Exhibition Tennis Doubles At CRC

Three exhibition doubles tennis matches were played at the Chinese Recreation Club yesterday. At the conclusion of the exhibition, Lady Lo distributed the various trophies won by the CRC and Ladies RC in Open Tennis League as well as the CRC Hardcourt and Club Championships.

Lady Lo was presented with a bouquet. School Boys' Championship, Paul Kong Memorial Cup, winner, Leung Him-shu, runner-up, Wong Sik-mann.

Mixed Doubles, Miss Kent and Tsui Yan-pui. CRC TOURNAMENT. Singles, winner, Tsui Yan-pui, runner-up, Tsui Ting-fook. Doubles, winners, Tsui Yan-pui and Tsui Yan-pui, runners-up, Wong Sul-wing and Luk Ding-cheung.

Handicap Singles, winner, Choy Ting-fook, runner-up, Choy Ting-wah. Handicap Doubles, winners, Li Yu-wing and Wong Sul-wing, runners-up, Ng Wai-lim and Mak Siu-hung.

Handicap Singles, winner, Chong Chai, runner-up, Lee Kwok-kwong.

A Friendly Bowling Game
The Kowloon Bowling Green Club entertained the Sports Club a friendly game of Lawn Bowls yesterday and won by 20 shots. The final score being 92-66.

Results:

K B G C	Sports Club
J.A. Plume	R.P. Phillips
J. Wren	J. McKimley
J.C. Meyer	J. Hemsley
J. Fraser	H.F. Shields
(Skip)	(Skip)
J. Roberts	Shaw
V.L. Sargeant	Hanelaar
L.A. Collier	Tibbles
A.G. Hall	J. Brady
(Skip)	(Skip)
J. Creighton	Redder
E.M. Sterling	Yung
V. Chitterden	H. Weyer
W.B. Simpson	G.H. Gough
(Skip)	(Skip)
Hutton	F.A. Broadbridge
Traff	Graham
Thompson	Bailey
C. Sykes	A.J. Kew
(Skip)	(Skip)
Total	92
Total	66

The Filipino Club opened its Green for Lawn Bowls yesterday. Results of the games played are as follows:

Results of the games played

Team	Score
L. de Silva	25
R.C. Butler	10
H. Hsu	10
J.A. Luz	10
(Skip)	10
J. Lee	10
Bill Chang	10
A. McInnes	10
U.M. Omar	10
(Skip)	10
H.G. Glittins	10
T. Carr	10
C. Castille	10
S.M. Rumlahn	10
(Skip)	10
Total	65
Total	43

Monte Carlo, April 9. The United States stars Frank Parker and Budge Patty today won the doubles title in the international lawn tennis tournament here when they beat Yugoslavians Dragutin Mitic and Joseph Palanda 6-1, 6-3, 6-2. United Press.

Some Good Tennis
Some good tennis was seen. Choy gave a good all round display. Both his court craft and his backhand placement were an object lesson. Tsui Yan-pui was in splendid form and was unannounced throughout. Ip, the Colony's singles champion, played well. Szeto Bick was a bit below the form of the other three players.

Ip and his partner were leading by two games to nil but Choy and Tsui gave nothing away and netted two games in a row. Choy and his partner secured another two games to lead 4-2. Ip and Bick then exerted themselves and managed to reduce the lead. The winners then by some clever volleying and dandy finishing won the next two games and set.

In the second set Choy and Tsui led 4-2 but the losers by winning the next two games managed to even the score. The winners then gave everything they had by annexing the next two games to win the set and match.

The following were the prize winners:
Hong Kong Tennis League, First Division, winners: CRC.
Second Division, CRC; Mixed Doubles, CRC; Ladies Doubles, CRC.

HARD COURT CHAMPIONSHIPS
Singles, Ng See-kwong Memorial Cup; Winner, Tsui Yan-pui, runner-up, Tsui Yan-pui.
Doubles, winners, Tsui Yan-pui and Tsui Yan-pui, runner-up, Leung Tai-ki and Kwok Hing-keong.

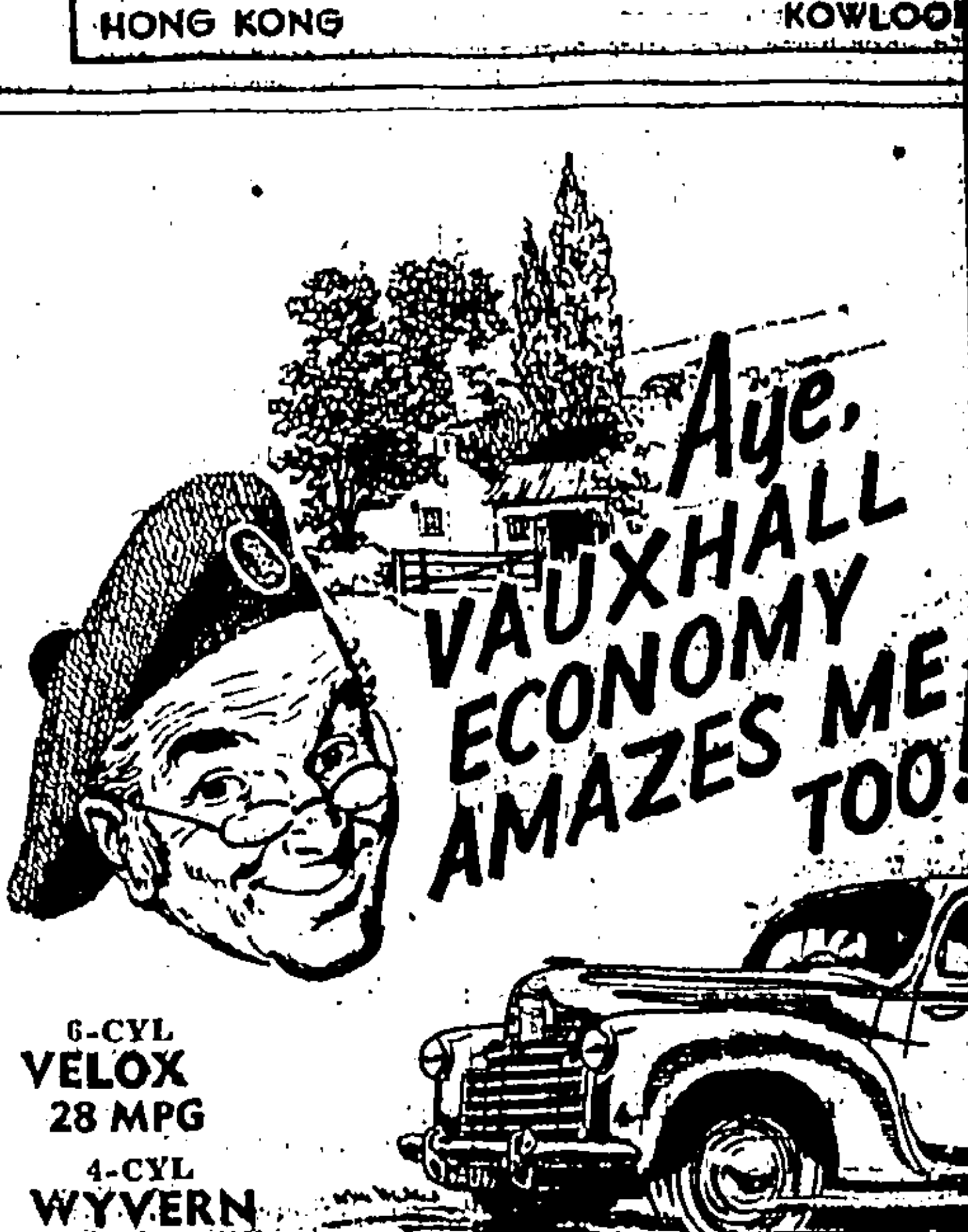
OAKLAND BITTNER WIN
Mexico City, April 10. The Oakland Bittners basketball team emerged undefeated last night from a seven-team round robin tournament. The American Amateur Athletic Union championship, a full-sized silver basketball. The Bittners scored six victories, Chihuahua, Mexican national champion, was second with five victories and one loss. Associated Press.

BASKETBALL GAME RESULTS
The following are the results of last night's games in the Hong Kong Basketball league, played at Caroline Hill:
Chung Sing 36, Pat Tat 30
Chung Sing 39, Sai Nam 10

IRELAND BEAT ENGLAND
Dublin, April 9. Ireland beat England by three goals to two in a men's international hockey match here today. Ireland were leading by one goal at half-time. Reuter.



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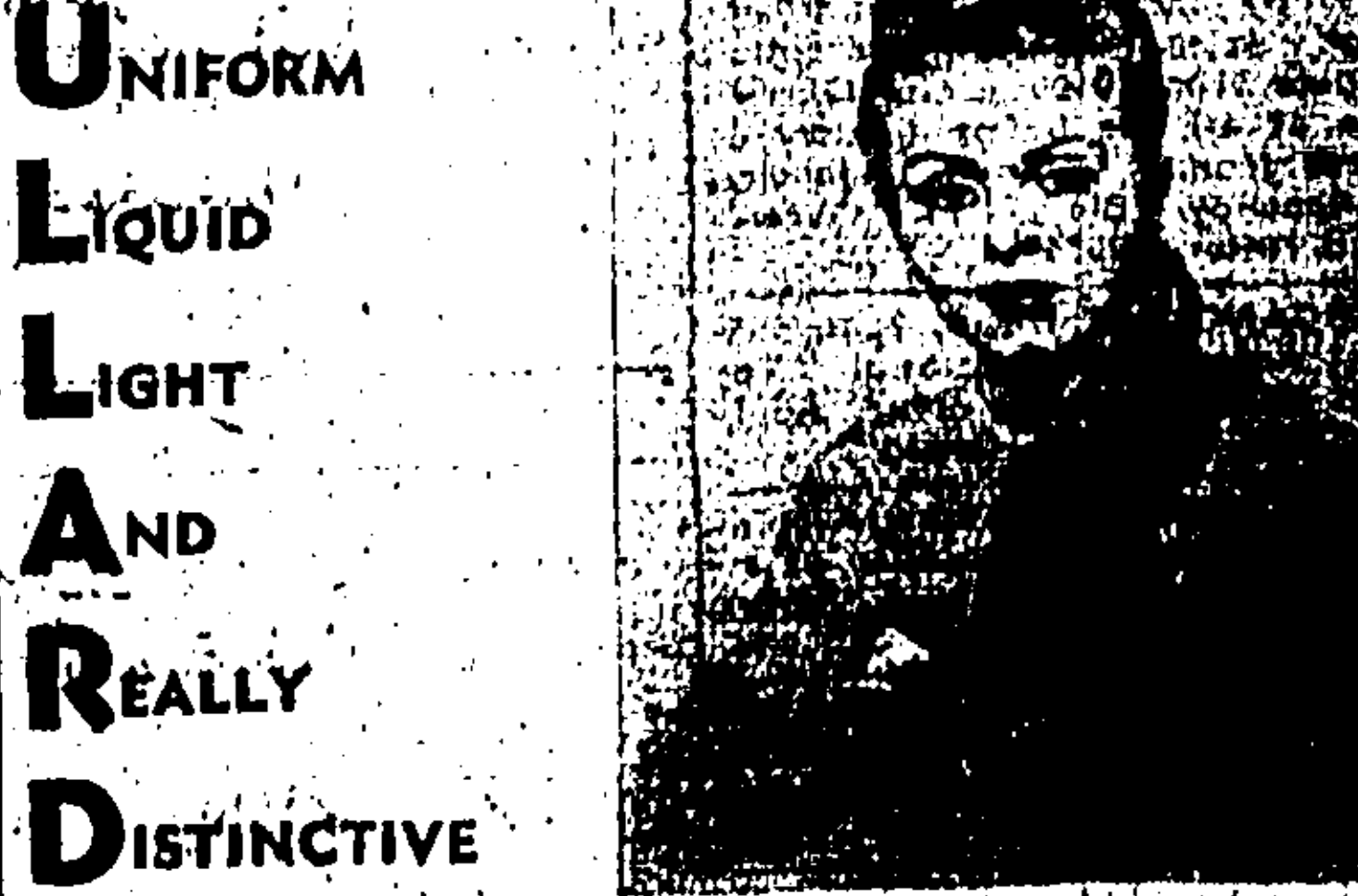


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ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-eighth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Company Limited, Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Monday, the 11th day of April, 1949, at Noon, to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.
2. To sanction a dividend in respect of the year 1948.
3. To elect two Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 28th March, 1949 to the 11th April, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

G. B. S. THOMSON, Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 21, 1949.

NOTICE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor on Thursday, the 14th day of April, 1949 at 12 o'clock noon to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the register and transfer books of the Company will be closed from 2nd to the 14th day of April, 1949, both days inclusive.

GEORGE Y. K. SUN, Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 28, 1949.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the fortieth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 3rd floor, Hongkong Bank Building, on Tuesday, the 26th April, 1949, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 12th April, 1949 to the 26th April, 1949, both days inclusive.

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GPO Kowloon: (Parcels) 5 p.m. April 14, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m. April 15, (Ordinary) 9 a.m. April 15.

This mail is expected to arrive at London on or about May 16, 1949. With effect from April 1, 1949, the postage for local letters and postcards will be increased as follows:—
Destinations: Hong Kong, Kowloon and the New Territories.
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Copies of the Colony's Annual Report for 1948, (Price \$1.00) are on sale at the General Post Office and Central Post Office, Kowloon.

Surface mail for Tientsin and Peiping can be accepted for onward transmission via Shanghai and Chinwangtao. Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Post close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. It mails close before 10 a.m. Registered and Parcel Post close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

MONDAY, APRIL 11

Closing Times by Air

Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon GPO) 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m.; (GPO) 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.

Airmail for Saigon and Paris, (Reg.) 5.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 11 a.m., (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking and Tientsin, (Reg.) 11.30 a.m., (Ord.) 12.30 p.m.

Airmail for Amoy, Swatow, Amoy and Taipei, (Reg.) 5 p.m., (Ord.) 5.30 p.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bombay, Alexandria (Nairobi, Mombasa, Dar es Salaam, Mauritius, Johannesburg and Marseilles via Alexandria), Rome and London, Kowloon GPO (Reg.) 4 p.m., (Ord.) 4.30 p.m.; GPO (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Manila, 10 a.m.

Parcels only for United Kingdom via London, 10 a.m.

Singapore, 3 p.m.

Straits and Parcel only for Marseilles, 3 p.m.

Amoy and Swatow, 5 p.m.

Shanghai and Japan, 5 p.m.

Hulhow, Pakhoi via Hulhow and Bangkok, 5 p.m.

Tamkang (via Canton), 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

Closing Times by Air

Airmail for Manila, Honolulu, USA and Canada, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Air Parcel Post for Manila, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon GPO) 4.30 p.m., (GPO) 5 p.m.

NOTICE

1. The present arrangement whereby all those who wish to volunteer for any form of voluntary service register their names at Headquarters, Hong Kong Defence Force, will cease on April 15.

2. From that date

(a) those who wish to apply for enrolment in the Special Constabulary should call at Police Headquarters, Chater Road, Ground Floor;

(b) those who wish to apply to join the Defence Force should call at Headquarters, Defence Force, Lower Albert Road,

(c) those who do not wish to join any organisation but who wish to register their willingness to undertake voluntary service in an emergency are requested to fill in and send to the Colonial Secretariat a form which can be obtained either from the Public Relations Office or from the Colonial Secretariat or from Headquarters, Defence Force.

NOTICE

THE CHINA COAST NAVIGATING AND ENGINEER OFFICERS' GUILD

A meeting of the Management Committee of the above Guild will be held at the office, Union Building, 21 Pedder Street, Hong Kong, at 5 p.m. on Monday, April 11th, 1949.

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MATCH POINT TACTICS
WHEREAS the rubber player should try almost any means to make a game contract, there are times when a match point tournament player should deliberately accept defeat of a trick in order to prevent his being beaten two tricks. His objective is to do as well or better than other pairs in the game. If he decides that most others in the same contract as he are going to be defeated two tricks because of a particular course of action, he may see a way to edge them out by being set a single trick.

S 9 7 6 4
H 7 5 4
D 10 3
C 10 9 7
4

N 5
W 8
E 9
S 10

S A K J
H A Q J 2
D J 9
C A 6 5

S 10 6 3
H A K 7 6 5 2
C Q 8 2

(Dealer: East. Neither side vulnerable).

East South West North
1 S 2 C Pass 2 NT
Pass 3 C Pass 3 NT

North noticed the high-low 7 and 6 by West as East led the spade K and A, so when the J was led next, he put on his thinking cap. If he had been in a rubber game, he would have taken the trick at once with his Q and the defenders by running the diamonds. But in a match-point tournament, as he was, he noted that West's signal meant he could almost certainly be put

in the lead with the fourth spade, where-upon West could lead through the heart K. If that happened, the defenders could set him two tricks, with three in spades, two in hearts and one in clubs.

But, if he let East have the third spade trick with the J, it probably would be impossible ever to put West in the lead. In that event, nobody could lead through his heart K. Hence, there would be no probable way for the defence to take more than five tricks. He therefore let the spade J have the third trick. East now could do no better than cash his heart A and club A to beat him one trick. As it happened, this deliberate acceptance of defeat proved the ploy and lucky move that won the tournament by one match point, as others in the same contract were down two.

Tomorrow's Problem

S A 6 5
H A J 2
D K 10 8 2
C A 8 7

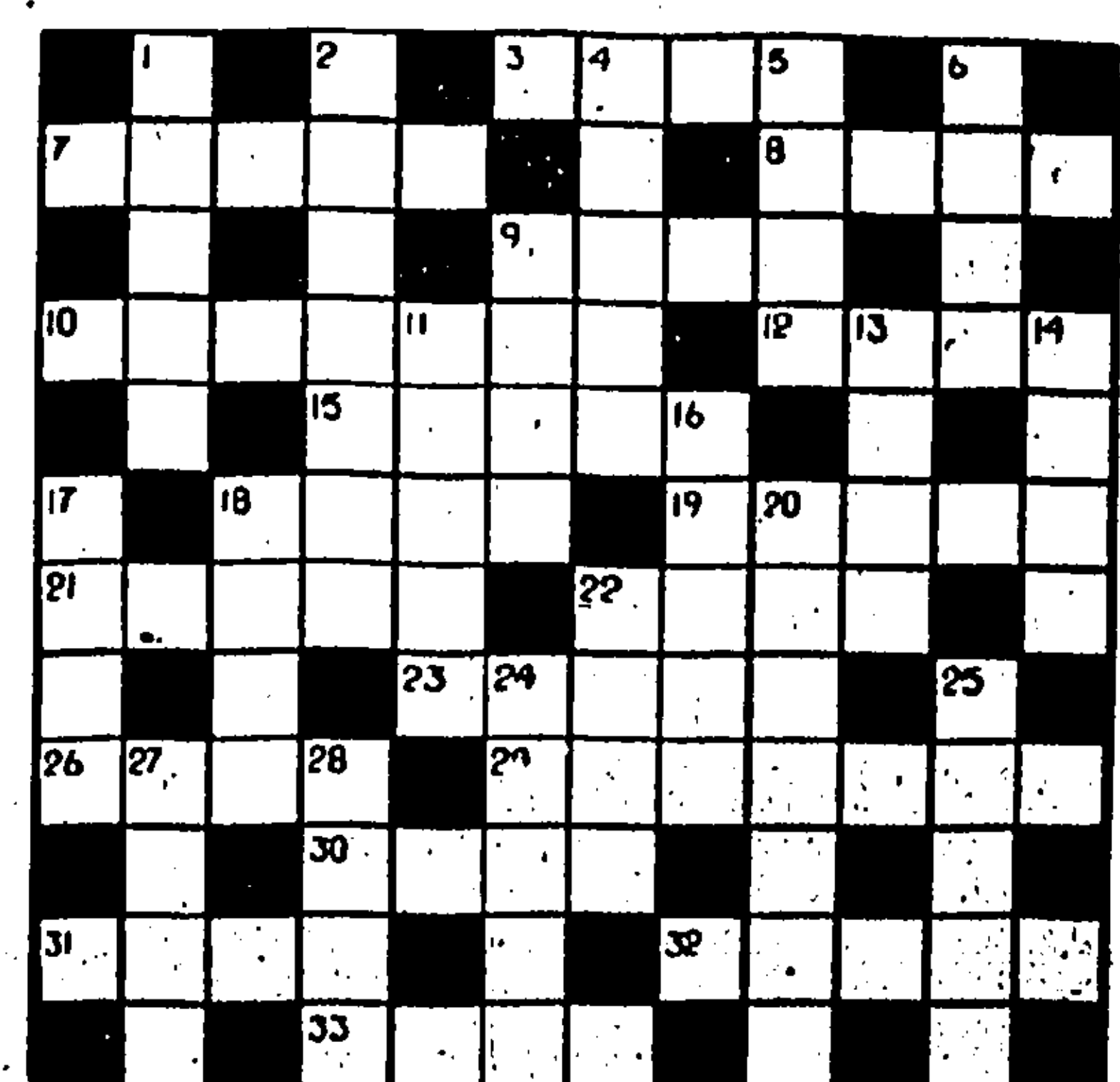
S J 10
H K 8 7 4
D 9 8 3
C 5 3 2

S K 8 7 3 2
H 10 9
D 5 4
C K J 9 8

(Dealer: East. North-South vulnerable).

West having opened the bidding and having led the heart Q, what card-reading should tell South how to make his 4-Spades?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

3 Man-eating giant, can of Dutch descent.
7 Fracture.
8 Face.
9 Offspring.
10 Teach.
12 Tale.
16 Stadium.
18 Clutch.
19 Negotiate.
21 Wrong.

Down

1 Traffic.
2 East Indian sailor.
4 Inexplicable.
5 Circulate.
6 Brace.
9 Pace.
11 Get up.
13 Assert.
14 Observe.
16 Make re-
17 Luminous circle.
18 Donation.
20 Compensation.
22 Inclination.
24 Of less importance.
27 Dry.
28 Booby.

Saturday's Crossword

ACROSS—3 Disperse, 5 Pack, 9 Pedigree, 11 Consumed, 12 Stag, 13 Fever, 18 Dared, 19 Lack, 22 Militant, 24 Corrodes, 25 Severe, 26 Distress.

DOWN—1 Space, 2 Scant, 3 Deputed, 4 Item, 5 Paid, 6 Rarity, 7 Emerge, 10 Defer, 14 Vain, 15 Revolve, 16 Placid, 17 Seaten, 20 Waver, 21 Sleep, 22 Moor, 23 Less.

CHRISTIANITY LOSING BATTLE TO COMMUNISM

Australians In Manila Worried

Manila, April 9. The Australian community in Manila is flocking to both the Australian and British consulates for advice following the second reading of a Bill in the Philippines Lower House prohibiting residence of nationals of countries where Filipinos are barred.

The Bill, sponsored by Mr. Herman Gillo Atienza, prohibits the entrance and residence, permanent or temporary, of foreigners from countries where Filipinos suffer similar disabilities. It was passed unanimously and with acclamation in the Lower House, and observers here believe it is likely to pass the Senate with equal unanimity and without delay.

The enactment of the Bill would cause the expulsion of more than 600 Australians, some of them residents of more than 20 years standing. About 30 are wives of American and other business men. Being of Australian birth, the latter would, according to the sponsors of the Bill, have to choose between giving up their business or submitting to a broken family.

Mr. Atienza said in an interview today: "The Australians can start packing now and be ready to leave Manila as soon as the Bill becomes law. The amendments on the floor of the House have made its provisions retroactive, because the Australian Government is making its own regulations retroactive and is throwing out residents of long-standing."

Mr. Atienza said the Act would not impede the entrance of Mrs. Lorenzo Gamboa, the Australian wife of a Filipino American Army sergeant, as special regulations could be decreed in her favour. — Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN LABOUR STRIKE

Melbourne, April 9. More than 100,000 Australian workers were today ordered to take part in 24-hour strikes next week. Their unions, mostly Communist-controlled, are protesting against a one-month prison sentence passed on Mr. Leslie McPhillips, the Assistant Secretary of the Federated Ironworkers Association, for contempt of court.

About 14,000 of Sydney's 15,000 ironworkers stopped work today and the police were called to a meeting of several thousand strikers at Newcastle, about 60 miles from Sydney, when a free fight broke out.

Docher workers have been ordered to stop work on Monday, Tuesday, and metal workers on Wednesday. Railways have been urged to call "stop work" meetings and several other unions have announced week-end meetings to consider their action. — Reuter.

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Tokyo, April 9. Christianity is losing to Communism in the battle for Japan's youth, in the opinion of one American Protestant missionary.

In a Japan-wide survey which took one year to prepare, the Reverend Hallam C. Shorrocks, Jr., of the Disciples Church, finds that while there is more interest in Christianity than ever before, the Japanese church has no programme to offer the thousands of young people searching and trying to grasp some sort of meaning for life.

Although the younger generation accounts for 30 per cent of Church audiences, Mr. Shorrocks reports: "The Christian Church is not challenging young people today; if anything it is causing many young people to turn from Christianity, to fall headlong into an empty chasm of doubt and materialism, forcing them to join the Communist bandwagon, for at least the Communists have a programme and a cause, which apparently many Christians do not realise that Christianity has too, or should have."

Mr. Shorrocks adds: "It is regrettable that many non-Christians think that the only thing a Christian does is pray."

The missionary prepared his report for the Japan Council of Christian Education, of which he is secretary. He based his conclusions on meetings with Church committees in Tokyo and on a field trip to 21 major cities. He has spent 18 months in post-war Japan.

His survey also gave the most recent count of Church-going Protestants and Catholics. Christians in Japan, just short of 225,000, or four-tenths of one per cent of Japan's 80,000,000 population.

Desperate Matter

Mr. Shorrocks says the situation is a desperate matter. He reports that while the churches are full of young people, they stay only three or four Sundays and then, finding that the church has no real programme to offer, leave and seldom return.

One reason for this, Mr. Shorrocks finds, is that many young people who attend Bible classes say that they cannot understand the simple facts of the Christian gospel.

On the other hand, Mr. Shorrocks declares, recent Communist victories in China have greatly heightened the prestige of Japanese Communists, and Japanese youth, particularly students, are turning to Communism as offering a concrete solution to their economic problems and the problems of other peoples in the Asian sphere.

"From Sapporo to Kagoshima," Mr. Shorrocks reports, "we were told of the well-organized Communist programme for youth. The story was told of a Christian boy who became interested in Communism, then committed suicide, explaining in a note before he died that he was torn between Communism and his loyalty to Christianity."

"Because he was offered no Christian interpretation or explanation of Communism from his Church or pastor, he felt that the principles involved in each were so completely incompatible that the best answer to his ideological dilemma was death."

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To Discuss Trade Pact

London, April 9. Mr. Harold Wilson, the President of the Board of Trade, will probably discuss a trade agreement with the Soviet Union next week with Mr. V. A. Klintzov, the leader of the Soviet trade delegation to Britain, authorities here said tonight.

If the Russians follow the lines of last year's agreement, they will seek British heavy machinery, power station equipment and presses. It was understood that Britain would ask for coarse grains, barley and corn, animal feeding stuffs, wheat, timber and canned fish. — Reuter.

U.S. Senate Approves Aid Plan

Washington, April 9. The U.S. \$5,580,000,000 European recovery programme went to the House today stamped with the overwhelming approval of the U.S. Senate.

Even Administration leaders were startled by yesterday's 70-7 Senate vote for the bill approving another 15 months of Marshall Plan aid to non-Communist Western Europe.

The House was called into extraordinary session today to take up the authorization measure. Both Democratic and Republican leaders predicted quick approval. Speaker Sam Rayburn, Texas Democrat, said he expected a "great majority" in the House.

The bill approved by the House Foreign Affairs Committee is a little different from the one passed by the Senate.

The ECA asked and got from the Senate authorization to spend \$1,500,000,000 up to June 30, \$4,280,000,000 for the month starting July 1, plus \$150,000,000 in long-term contract authority.

The House committee trimmed \$50,000,000 off the first figure and turned down for a total cut of \$200,000,000. Then it wrote into the bill a Government guarantee for private investors of up to \$272,000,000.

The result, committee members said, would be a \$72,000,000 addition to total Marshall Plan standing in the next 15 months.

A vote on this measure is expected on Monday or Tuesday. After the House and Senate clear up any differences between the two bills, the Appropriations Committee will be called on to write legislation providing the actual cash. — Associated Press.

ITALIAN BUDGET DEFICIT FEARED

Rome, April 9. An Italian budgetary deficit of 480,700 million lire (about £287,000,000) for the year ending June next was forecast in the Senate tonight by Signor Giuseppe Pella, the Treasury Minister.

National income, which in 1945 was more than 50 per cent below that of pre-war, must now exceed the pre-war figures, he said.

Italian exports had now reached 90 per cent of pre-war as compared with 61 per cent two years ago. — Reuter.

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Pacific Pact Foredoomed, Prominent Manilan Says

Manila, April 9. A prominent Manila lawyer who was a candidate for Presidential nomination said today that a Pacific Pact is foredoomed because the United States has abandoned Asia in favour of Europe. Dr. Claro M. Recto, Philippine Foreign Minister during the Japanese occupation, counselled Filipinos to make friends with Asiatic nations "as we feel the protecting clasp of America relax and slip quietly beyond our grasp."

Speaking at Areas Alno University which gave him a doctorate, Dr. Recto asserted "no official announcement was necessary to inform us the United States has reverted to its policy during the war of placing Europe before Asia. The bonds of place, of common ancestry and of the same cultural values are attractions that Asians cannot hope to match in rivalry for supremacy in American assistance."

Obviously referring to President Filadelfo Quirino's proposal for a Pacific Pact, Dr. Recto said: "No nation can foresee the future and I do not blame the makers of foreign policy who with the best of motives miscalculated American's affection and sympathy for Asia. It is not strange that with betrayal of their expectations they are now seeking to retrieve the situation by advocating a Pacific Pact."

Unmistakable

"I am compelled to express my scepticism of the proposal a scepticism which, diplomatically disguised, can already be felt in Washington. For America, great as it is, possessed of unchallenged supremacy in scientific technique and industrial productivity, cannot save the world simultaneously in Europe and Asia. And between Europe and Asia America has already made her unmistakable choice."

"America cannot be a party with Australia to a Pacific Pact of friendship and common defence in the face of the latter's exclusion policy against Asia. Nor can we expect American aid already engaged with the rescue of Western Europe, to take the initiative in Asia when Asia can truly and enduringly be united only on a basis of independence and America is committed to an alliance with precisely those colonial powers denying independence to the subject peoples of Asia."

"This alone could spell doom for a Pacific Pact." He warned Filipinos that "obsessed with our American heritage we have dissipated whatever moral leadership we might once have exercised among the renascent nations of the East. Without abandoning our

Pickets At German Goods Show

New York, April 9.

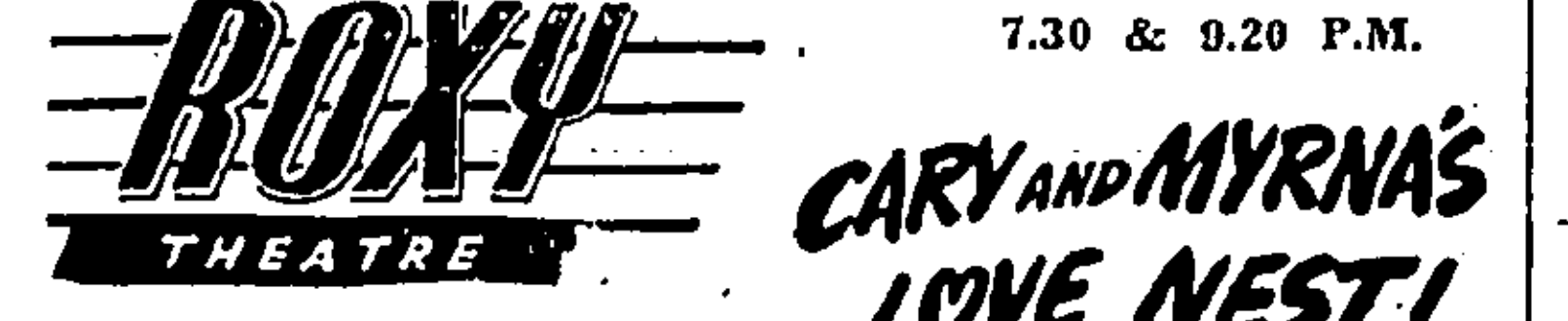
Twenty pickets paraded today before the Museum of Science and Industry in Rockefeller Center as the German Industries exhibition opened for a two-week showing of products manufactured in the Western zone of Germany.

The Joint Committee to Combat Anti-Semitism had announced that it would picket the fair because the products were made by proven Nazi industrialists and war criminals.

The Committee represents the American Jewish Labour Council and the Jewish People's Fraternal Order. More than 600 persons waited in line to buy admission tickets when the Museum doors opened.

The pickets carried signs reading, "Boycott this Nazi show. Don't buy from the Nazi killers. We don't want soap manufactured from Jewish bodies." — United Press.

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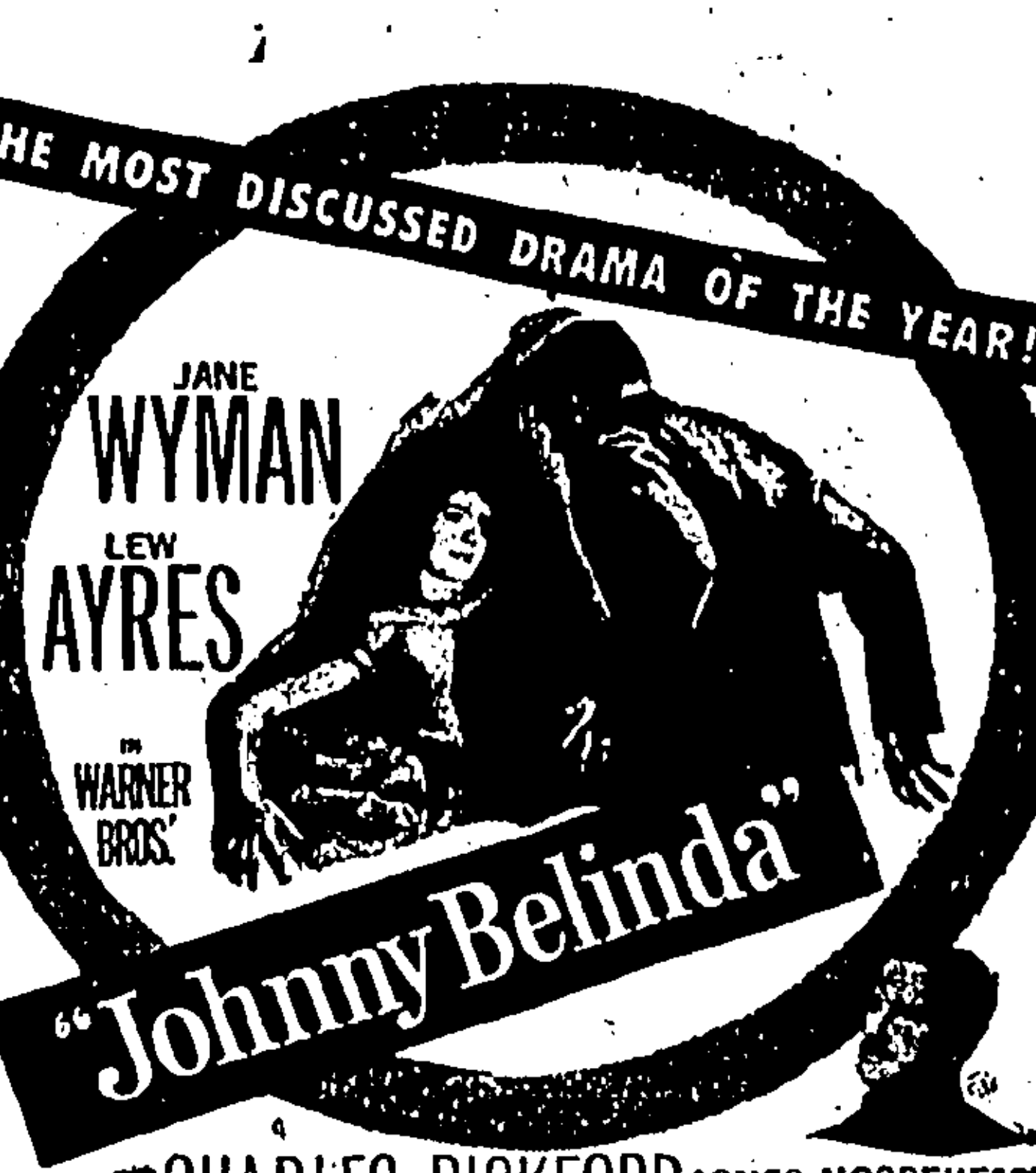
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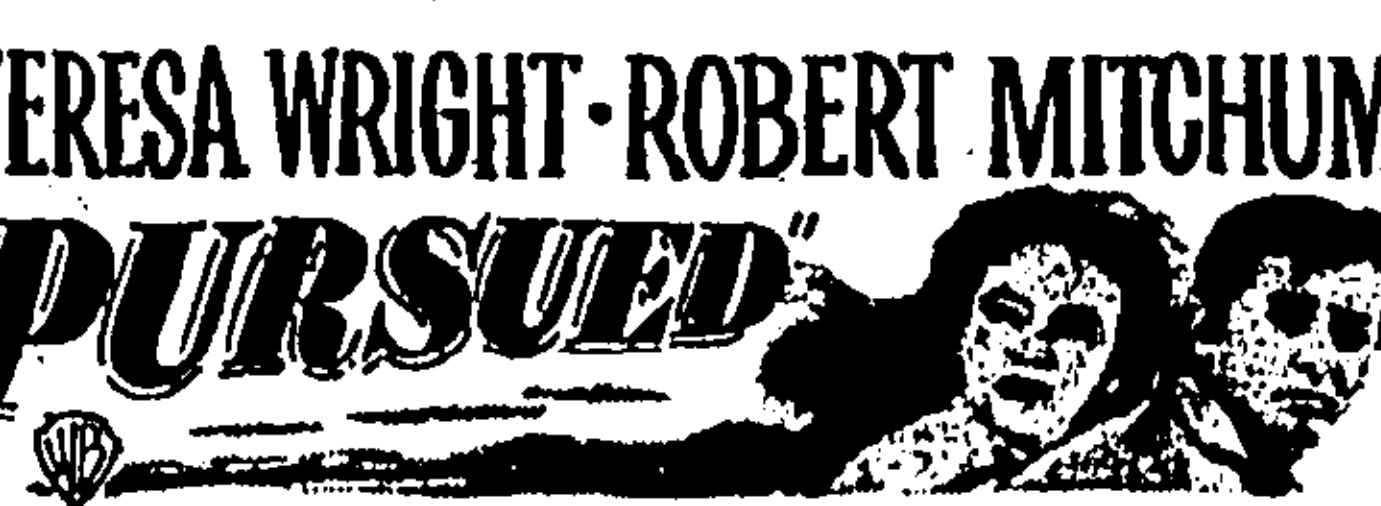


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A REMARKABLE SPEECH

A speech, remarkable on
every count, was made in New
York a few days ago. The
speaker was General Omar
Bradley, the outstanding
Commander and Chief of
Staff of the United States
Army, who pronounced the
essential corollary to the At-
lantic Pact. General Bradley's
speech comes from a pro-
found knowledge not only
of his own countrymen but
also of the European men-
tality. Though the speech
was frankly inspired by the
Administration's desire to
persuade Congress to give
swift substance to the Atlantic
Pact, there is no doubt that
it expressed General Brad-
ley's own deep convictions.
General Bradley flatly re-
jected the argument that it
will be impossible to stop Russia
from conquering all Europe
and that the United States
should eventually lead a
counter-attack to liberate the
Continent. He was perhaps
being a little sentimental, but
he graphically expressed the
recent saying of a French
statesman that Western
Europe cannot afford to be
liberated again. What that
means is that if a country
knows it must be overrun
before effective assistance can
be brought to bear, the com-
fort to be derived from the
possibility that an aggressor
will ultimately be turned out
again is strictly limited. Gen-
eral Bradley would put, in the
military sense, the United
States frontiers on the de-
fence lines of Western Europe.
It is a conception which will
make all the difference to the
effectiveness of the Atlantic
Pact. Everybody knows that
special courage was required
on the part of certain States
to sign the Pact. What Gen-
eral Bradley is asking is, first,
that America should be the
arsenal of Democracy.
Secondly, he asks that the as-
sistance from the New World
to the Old should be funnelled
to the ramparts of the Old
World and thus halt an ag-
gressor in his tracks wherever
he may strike.

PEACEMAKER

Despite the flood of con-
demnation from various quar-
ters there is no doubt that
the United Nations has some
very real achievements to its
credit. In less troubled times
people would be falling over
themselves to find adjectives
extravagant enough to praise
the body which has helped to
save peace in India and is
well on its way to producing a
settlement in the most politi-
cally explosive part of the
world—the Middle East. It
would be foolish to ignore the
restraining influences of the
United Nations during the re-
cent critical months and in
particular the remarkable
work of conciliation achieved
by Dr. Ralphe Bunche in
Palestine. Without his
patience and skill it is difficult
to see how peace could have
been secured. Dr. Bunche's
moral—"You used pens, not
swords. You applied reason,
not force. And you reached
an agreement"—cannot be un-
derlined too often or too
strongly.

The President of the Republic
decorated me with the Legion
d'honneur "with death," whiskered
Escoffier, "the only other thing
a Frenchman cannot hope to
escape."
I really learned a good deal
about France; in any case,
enough to love it.
At the same time my tour was
memorable chiefly because of my
18th birthday, occurring while I
was there, which brought two
coveted privileges.

A Car

My father, following the Navy
rule for young officers, had re-
fused to let me smoke until I
reached that age.
Then a birthday gift from him
in the form of a cigarette case
signified that I could indulge in
that habit if I wished.
Also, 18 brought me to the
threshold of that magic world in
which I was free to drive a car.
Encouraged by some of my
young French friends, I was soon
speeding along the routes nation-
ales to the terror of Escoffier,
who, beard flying, clung by his
eyelids to the back seat.

I returned to Britain in August,
and that was the end of the Earl
of Chester.
It was the year 1912, and
Oxford loomed before me as a
dreary chore to be finished with
the least effort and as quickly as
possible.
From my point of view as a
human being, the easy conditions
under which I took up residence
at Oxford in October certainly
were a vast improvement over
those laid down by the Prince
Consort for my grandfather some
50 years before.

To prevent his possible con-
tamination from too intimate as-
sociation with the undergraduate
community, my grandfather was
obliged to live apart in a rented
house, to eat his meals apart with
his own staff, and to wear a
special gown when he attended
lectures.

His classmates had to rise re-
spectfully whenever he entered
"Silent!" or a lecture room. For-
tunately for me, all that had passed
when my turn came.

Way Of Life

I took my place freely among
the undergraduates—a circum-
stance which was hailed by the
Press as fresh evidence of the in-
nate democracy of the British
monarchical system.

But the Socialist son of the Glas-
gow fitter who sat beside me at
lectures would scarcely have
agreed that I shared the common
lot.

I had, after all, special rooms in
"Cloister Quad"—not to mention,
I believe, the first private under-
graduate bathroom to be installed
at the college, as well as a fine
view of the tower that is one of
Magdalen's special glories.
I had a valet, Finch. I had as
well my personal tutor Henry
Peter Hansell, the instigator of
this, who occupied a room direct-
ly under mine.

To initiate me into the more
sophisticated amenities my per-
sonal carriage was augmented by
the addition of an equerry, the
hard-riding Major William Cad-
ogan, of the 10th Hussars.

Finally, Sir Herbert Warren, the
Vice-Chancellor of Oxford, made
me his special charge—an atten-
tion which, before long, I would
gladly have forfeited.

Yet all these ostensible advan-
tages could not entirely cure my
nostalgia for the Navy.

All around me were young men
united in friendships formed at
Eton, Harrow, Winchester, Char-
terhouse and all the other public
schools.

I was acutely lonely and I was
under the added disadvantage of
being something of a celebrity.
A crowd of reporters and photo-
graphers descended upon Oxford
more intimate aspects of my ad-
justment to Oxford life.

Their vivid accounts in turn
stimulated a rush of tourists and
for days I hardly dared to go to
the window lest I find myself the
object of their concentrated gaze.
One did I wish to be seen near
Addison's Walk until all the
publicity died down, for the local
guides had spread the story that
the college deer park had been
restocked to enable me to do a
little stalking when my studies
palled.

All this vulgar commotion with-
in Magdalen's ancient precincts
irritated the dons, but no more
than the undergraduates, who
showed their displeasure by em-
ptying pitchers of water upon the
inquisitive sightseers' heads.
The plain fact is, of course, that
I was pretty much of a problem to
Oxford.

To be sure, I could box a com-
pass, read naval signals, run a
packet boat, and make cocoa for
the officer of the watch.
But these accomplishments, which
the Navy had been at such
pains to teach me, were manifestly
without significance to Oxford's
learned dons.

'Effete'

Moreover, as the following
diary excerpts indicate, I judged
Oxford a little effete.
It is amusing to see the
difference between an ordinary

THE ROYAL MEMOIRS

By H.R.H. THE DUKE OF WINDSOR

Undergraduate Days



PUNTING on the river was a
pleasant diversion when I was
at Oxford.



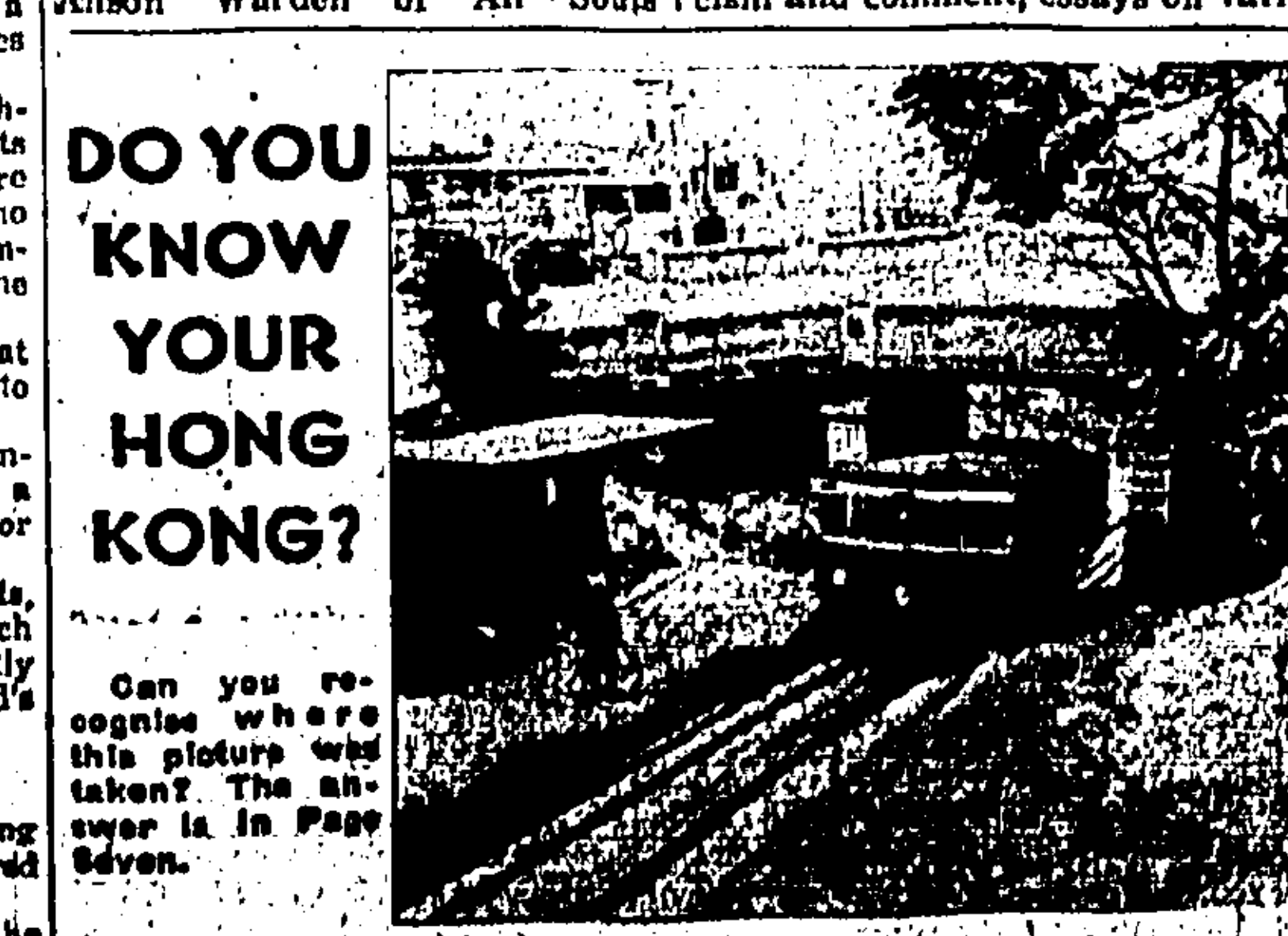
I VISITED my mother's 'Aunt
Augusta' (the Grand Duch-
ess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz)
birthday by putting on full
dress naval uniform.

"School and Dartmouth. The
boys talk of discomfort, but in
their dormitories they have
cubicles and they sit about in
studios all day. Their life is not
half as strenuous as it is at Dar-
mouth, and we were more con-
tented. (There can be no better
education than a naval one.)
Indeed, verging on the disso-
lute."

"Dear Papa,
I went to the Ballingdon
Club dinner. It lasted two hours
and there were about 60 people.
Most of them got rather, if not
to any very, excited and I came
back early.

"There was a good deal of
champagne drunk and that ac-
counted for it. It is interest-
ing for me to see the various
forms of amusement that under-
graduates indulge in."

To lead me with all possible
celerity into the higher fields of
learning, Oxford generously gave
me access to its best brains.
One of Britain's most dis-
tinguished jurists, Sir William
Anson, Warden of All Souls'



Can you
recognise where
this picture
was taken? The
answer is in Page
Seven.

ous aspects of British literature
prepared at his order.

These little meetings were my
introduction to serious literature,
and I approached them in awe.
Compared with most of the
people I know, the president was
a man of vast learning; and it
was therefore a disillusioning blow
to my sense of values to discover
that the thing he appeared to value
most in the world was his con-
nection with an obscure nobleman,
a fact which he managed to insert
into every conversation.

On Learning

It was generally suspected that
he was obsessed with the idea of
filling Magdalen with titled under-
graduates; hence whenever he
beamed upon me I was never quite
certain whether it was with a
teacher's benevolence or from a
collector's secret satisfaction
with a coveted trophy.

In any case, he struck us as
being a bit of a snob.
Yet, despite this formidable out-
lay of intellect Oxford failed to
break down the resistance to learn-
ing that was the legacy of my un-
bookish ancestors.

And, as if to save his venerable
institution from one day being
blamed for the absence of higher
intellectual qualities in the help
apparent, President Warren pub-
lished, on the occasion of my leav-
ing Oxford, a generous but some-
what apologetic report upon my
progress.

Bookish he will never be; not
a "flicker," still less a "British
Solomon," he warned, adding,
however, "... all the time he was
learning more and more every
day of men, gauging character,
watching its play, getting to
know what Englishmen are like,
both individually and still more
in the mass."

If "learning . . . of men"
President Warren had in mind that
along with English literature and
constitutional law, there was a
bright leavening of fox-hunting,
beagling, and a mild game of
roulette, Oxford certainly lived up
to its reputation as a teacher.

While there I rode with the
South Oxfordshire Hounds, beagled
with the New College, Magdalen,
and Trinity pack, and got to know
some young men whose upbringing
had been a good deal less strict
than mine.

Gay Suppers

It would be wrong to give Ox-
ford credit for teaching me how to
drink.

All the same, it certainly fur-
nished me with opportunities for
tentatively testing the art on my-
self, as well as for observing the
dubious progress and occasional
disasters of others.

Excuses for celebration were
seldom lacking.

If the college eight had "bump-
ed" itself to a higher place on the
River Isis, the Oxford stretch of
the Thames, during Eighth Week,
the feat would be celebrated with
a gay "bump supper" in "Hall"

that would climax with a bonfire
inside the walls, fed with furniture
tossed out of the rooms of under-
graduates who had incurred their
classmates' displeasure.

All 21st birthdays by custom
called for a party, the ceremonial
smashing of glasses against the
fireplace and, eventually, the
carrying out of those who could
no longer walk by those who
thought they could.

And on certain Sunday nights
everybody who counted for some-
thing repaired to the small office
of the steward of the Junior Com-
mon Room, a plump, red-faced,
bald-headed old scamp named

Gunstone, known to Magdalen men
as "Gunner."

We would listen to his rough
stories and watch his slight-of-
hand tricks before going upstairs
to drink too many glasses of
"black strap" port wine which pro-
duced hangovers of incredible com-
plexity.

Whatever the occasion, Mag-
dalen celebrations always ended
the same way.

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Revolutionary Activity Revived In Java, Dutch Republicans Say

Deposed President Not Afraid

Damascus, April 9. Shukri Bey El Kouatly, the deposed Syrian President, told Reuters' correspondent, Alex Valentine, today in a prison-cell interview that he has no fear of what lies ahead.

The 58-year-old ex-President looked gaunt and strained as he made the declaration to the first journalist to visit him since he was placed in protective custody by the Syrian Army Chief of Staff, Colonel Husni Zu'ayr, after the coup d'état two weeks ago.

Kouatly said he had heard of the military courts which had been set up under the new regime to try those guilty of crimes against Syria. He said he had faith in the "good sense" of the Syrian people, in whose hands he placed his fate.

"I am innocent of all crimes," he asserted.

Armed Police

Red-capped military police, armed with rifles and bayonets, packed the courtyard of his prison in Damascus, said as Kouatly, his voice sometimes breaking, spoke of the imminent future.

He is allowed visits from his wife and is allowed to write censored mail. His cell door is not locked during the day and he is free to stroll up and down the verandah or to visit his next-door neighbour, the former Prime Minister, Khaled El Azam.

Khaled El Azam, reportedly a millionaire, refused to take with Reuters' correspondent, and said simply: "Everything is in the hands of Allah."

The former Premier, who also resigned a few days ago, looked quite fit—Reuters.

U.S. Air Force Develops New Weapons

Washington, April 9. New weapons developed by the United States Air Force scientists include an automatic rocket launcher for aircraft and a jet-assisted unit for guided missiles.

No other information about these weapons was immediately available.

A Member of the Committee asked Lieutenant General Howard A. Craig, Deputy Air Force Chief of Staff, if somehow else had planes as good as those of the United States.

He answered: "Someone else has planes better than ours or as good as ours. We have a full and free exchange of information between the British and ourselves, but they are about two years ahead of us in the development of jet aircraft."

"They have been in the business longer than we have. We are rapidly catching up, and I think within a short time we will be on a parity with the British."

Asked about Russian aircraft development, General Craig said: "They are probably in the same position as we are."—Reuters.

Batavia, April 9. Both Dutch and Indonesian sources here have reported a revival of revolutionary activity in Java. Republican sources have issued a translation of a pamphlet distributed in Jogjakarta, the former Republican capital, by followers of Tan Malakka, a veteran Trotskyist.

In the pamphlet, Tan Malakka declared the inactivity of the Security Council, and called on the people both to prevent the restoration of the Republic and to continue the guerrilla war against the Dutch.

Dutch official sources reported warfare between Communist bands and Republican guerrillas in Central and East Java. These sources said Dutch forces pursued the Communist bands around Sukabumi, in West Java.

In West Java, the Darul Islam, described as a Communist Islamic armed group, continues to be active, these sources said.

The Dutch recently reported that five battalions of the Republican Siliwangi Division, which was prominent last year in suppressing the Communist revolt within the Republic, had joined the Dutch as a result of liaison efforts by the Pasundan (West Java Federalist) Government.

The Pasundan Government has now issued a communique declar-

ing it has ceased liaison work because of the critical situation produced by newspaper reports which were not wholly untrue.

Dutch official sources reported a continued steady improvement in the overall situation in the East Indies, but unofficial Dutch and Republican sources, as well as the local Chinese press, continue to report guerrilla activities and attacks on military posts and patrols, and the destruction of bridges and railways.

There is also, according to these reports, widespread looting and robbing by bandit groups who appear to be taking advantage of the situation in the interior.

Though both the Dutch and the Republicans have expressed disappointment over the terms of each other's acceptance of the United Nations Commission's invitation to preliminary discussions here, it seems here that the parties are at present likely at least to reach the conference table without a further hitch.—Reuters.

Cigar Companies Hope Women Will Help Them

New York, April 10.

Are European women helping to increase cigar smoking among American men? That is the hope of a large section of the American cigar industry.

Some of the larger companies are pushing the production and sale of small five-cent cigars. These "short smokers", as they are known in the trade, are about 4 1/2 inches long and are a little bigger around than a cigarette.

In other words, they are a genuine cigar containing less than half as much tobacco as the standard article.

Although the idea is not new, these stunted cigars are coming into their own on a large scale and are beginning to reach most sections of the U.S. where they were never seen before.

Danish women, who like their smokes pungent but not too long, were the first to go in for small cigars in a big way. Then their menfolk took to the idea. Soon many parts of Europe had followed suit.

At that point, General Cigar Co. of New York took the development on a trans-Atlantic journey.

Cigar men say this 1949 development is the first evolution in the cigar business for years. They all admit that General Cigar pioneered the idea in this country.

Cigarillo

General introduced its Robert Burns cigarillo in 1940, but previously had not tried to push it beyond the East Coast. It has been on a nation-wide basis for only a few months. Among others who entered the field recently are Webster Tobacco Co.,

and Bayou Cigars, Inc. Both companies are giants of the industry.

The manufacturers say they are filling a genuine demand for a small cigar. Cigar smokers do not like to light up anything really large for a quick puff in hasty circumstances when a good portion of it will be thrown away.

On top of that, they hope the petite product will attract young men and non-cigar smokers who will say to themselves: "I might be able to get away with that little fellow."

Once started on the small size, one industry spokesman said, young men will discover that the cigar is in the top enjoyment of smoking. "Before you know it, they will be switching to standard size items by the thousands." This phase of the industry is so new that the companies are not yet making public their production and sales figures.—Associated Press.

Mauna Loa Is At It Again!

Honolulu, April 9.

Mauna Loa began erupting again today, almost three months after the ancient volcano blew its top in its most spectacular display of pyrotechnics in three decades.

A fiery display of lava flows and explosions was reported to be breaking out in the huge crater on the island of Hawaii, where last January a 15-mile-long stream of molten rock threatened the coastal villages.

Ross Bender, ranger at Hawaii National Park, said the activity was a new and distinct eruption. The January eruption completely ceased on February 7. The new eruption became visible this morning when huge clouds rose from the summit.

Bender reported that two lava flows, each about a mile and a quarter long, spewed from the main crater and ran into the South pit on the Hilo side of the 13,680-foot volcano.—United Press.

FIRE IN SUMATRA SOCONY PLANT

New York, April 9.

The Standard Vacuum Oil Company today announced that an explosion and fire at its refinery in Sumatra on Thursday injured 12 employees and caused temporary shutting of the plant. It said the power failure resulted in the accumulation of oil vapours which ignited.

The plant's output will be reduced to about half of the normal for about two weeks.—United Press.

SWISS, ITALIANS SIGN TREATY

Rome, April 9.

Switzerland and Italy have signed a reciprocal social insurance agreement guaranteeing benefits for each other's citizens, the Italian Foreign Ministry announced today.

The agreement particularly guarantees social insurance rights for 150,000 Italian workers in Switzerland.—Reuters.

Don't Do It Again

New York, April 9. Two Brooklyn youths who threw tomatoes at British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin when he arrived here on March 30 were found guilty of disorderly conduct today, but the sentences were suspended.

Robert Newman, 19, pleaded guilty to throwing a tomato at Mr. Bevin's car and Harvey Hirsch, 17, was convicted of similar offence. A third one was acquitted.

In passing the sentences, a magistrate said tossing tomatoes at foreign dignitaries is not an "American democratic practice."—United Press and Reuters.

Statement On Shipping Freight War

London, April 9.

The suggestions of possible peace moves in the freight war on the Europe-India shipping routes brought a statement today that the Dutch intend to extend their activities.

The London agents of the Dutch lines, saying that there was no foundation whatever for the reported peace move, added: "In fact, arrangements are already in hand to extend the direct Dutch sailings to include other British leading ports at which their vessels have not yet called."

This development followed the statement last night by one Dutch shipping official that "it would not surprise us if there was an approach from one side aimed at ending the 'tomato' war."

Asked if the Dutch lines were considering making a peace move, he declined to say anything beyond: "It cannot go on week after week without anything happening."

Dutch officials have already described the rate-slashing campaign as a "tomato war" indicated that if the offensive went on for six months they alone, without counting the nine British and two Indian lines, might lose a sum in the region of £500,000.

The chairman of the India Conference, representing the Indian and British shipping companies, said today that he disclaimed all knowledge of any projected negotiations with the Dutch lines.

"The Conference and the Dutch lines will no doubt come together at some time or another, but that time would not appear to be yet," he added.—Reuters.

Swing To Right In England Continues

London, April 9.

The swing to the right which brought the Conservative Party up from a minority to a 64-64 tie with the Socialists in the London County Council elections yesterday, continues today as results from country County Councils were declared. The Conservative Central Office claimed tonight that the Conservatives had so far gained 2,020 seats, and that the Labour Party had lost 211. The Conservative losses were given as 14, and Labour gains as 53.

Of the Conservative gains, 139 were from Labour, and of the Conservative losses, eight went to Labour. Not a single Conservative seat so far been returned, either in London or in the country.

The voting in the country elections ended today after a week of intense activity. The final results will not be known until tomorrow or Monday.

The Labour Party has so far made no comment on the county council elections.

Meanwhile, Socialist leaders are anxiously awaiting further national reaction to the Government's "higher living costs" budget.

The London County Council results produced a surprise of anxiety. Many Socialist Members of Parliament are convinced that the increase in the cost of meat, cheese, butter and margarine lost the Socialists many women's votes in the London elections. They also think the damage to the Socialist women vote was increased by the Budget's main domestic concession—a penny a pint off the price of beer.

The Government made it clear—but too late—that the 4d. weekly rise in the cost of foodstuffs is small in comparison to the sum of 3s. 6d. which every Briton is still receiving in weekly food subsidies.

Between now and May 14, 28 London boroughs, 392 city and county boroughs, 572 urban councils and 475 rural councils will record their votes.

Elections have taken place during the past week in over 60 county boroughs. Twenty-three were polling today, and observers are waiting to see whether those contests held since the Budget show signs of having been affected by it.

The Socialists controlled only about one-sixth of these councils. In addition to the loss of London, they have already suffered a blow by the Conserva-

Cominform Trying To Start Civil War, Tito Declares

Belgrade, April 9.

Marshal Tito, the Yugoslav Premier, today said the Cominform was trying to start a civil war in Yugoslavia, compared this with practices of the imperialists in semi-colonial countries.

Marshal Tito was addressing more than 2,000 delegates at the People's Front Congress in Topcider Park here. "No intimidation from the West or East can divert us from our principled attitude as consistent followers of Marxism," he said.

The Marshal alleged that the Cominform was using former members of capitalist intelligence organisations as their own agents in Yugoslavia.

He claimed that there were many similar cases of foreign intelligence agents in certain Communist parties. Referring to the recent dismissals in Bulgaria, the Marshal charged that Traicho Kostov, former Bulgarian Vice-Premier, was hiding behind the Cominform resolution to carry on his work as a capitalist agent.

"Today we have proof in our hands that in several Communist parties there are agents of certain capitalist states among the higher and even the highest leaders. I can only tell you, Comrades, that we are daily receiving new proof about the hostile work of various intelligence services, both in the East and in the West," the Marshal said.

Saying that the unity of the Yugoslav people was being assailed from all sides, he declared: "Only by a greater consolidation of the Popular Front and by the unity of our people shall we be able to face all attacks against our country in its endeavour to build up Socialism."

"We Will Fight"

"All the warmongers and reactionary elements in the capitalist countries are wrong if they think they will be able to embark on any speculation with regard to us," he said. "On this point our attitude remains as consistent as it has been hitherto. We will fight for the establishment of peace and against all warmongers."

Speaking of the Cominform's anti-Yugoslav campaign, the Prime Minister said: "This propaganda is not Marxist. Not only it is harming the prestige of Socialist methods in relations among

Socialist countries but also it may have catastrophic consequences for the revolutionary development of the world.

"The more embittered the Cominform's campaign is, the more we are strengthened in our revolutionary conviction that we must resist and be firm. Behind all the lies and inventions against our country and our leaders lurks a revisionist tendency and deviation from Marxist-Leninism."

"It is quite understandable that we should be attacked and insulted by the reactionary imperialist press. These are its usual methods. But also we are attacked by the Socialist press and it tries to camouflage lies and insults as criticism. We must call them by their proper names. It is superfluous and senseless to answer such things, but we must condemn them with the utmost energy as anti-Marxist and anti-Leninist acts, harming the progressive movement in the world."

His early years, the young Soviet Republic was equally insulted and slandered by the Russian bourgeoisie and international reaction. The slanderous campaign against our country and our leaders is similar in every respect to that."

The Yugoslav Premier said the anti-Yugoslav campaign was the preparation for the realisation of certain objectives, having nothing in common with Marxist-Leninist concepts on the equality of rights and sovereignty of small peoples.

The appeal to the Yugoslav peoples to overthrow their leaders was an attempt to provoke a civil war. It was a practice usually adopted by the imperialists in certain semi-colonial countries and which must be fought, he said.—Reuters.

DATE SET FOR IMPEACHMENT ARGUMENTS

Manila, April 9.

The special House Impeachment Committee has set April 18 for the hearing of oral arguments on five charges in the resolution seeking the impeachment of President Quirino.

After the hearing, the Committee will meet to decide whether there are grounds for impeachment and submit its report to the House.

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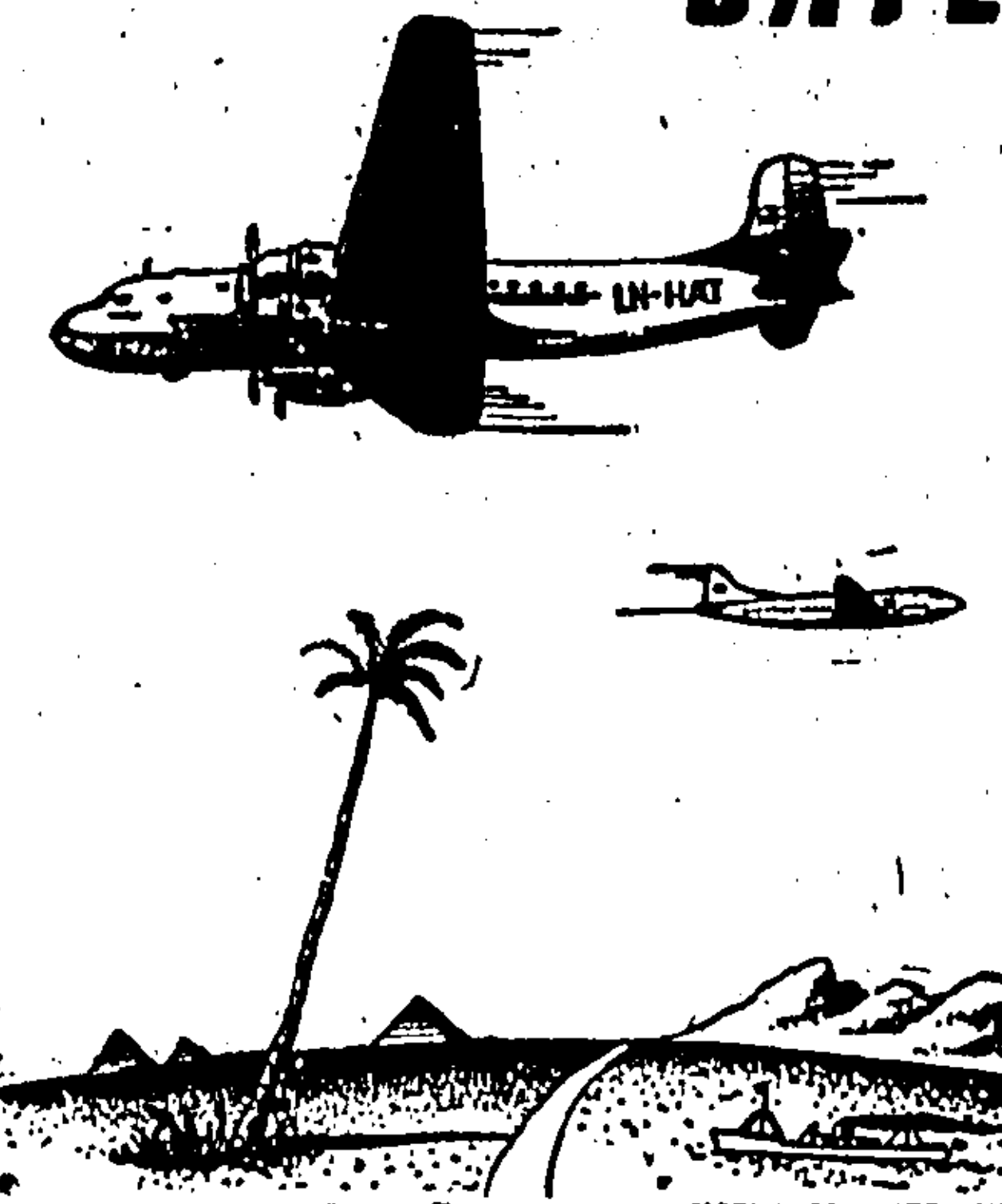
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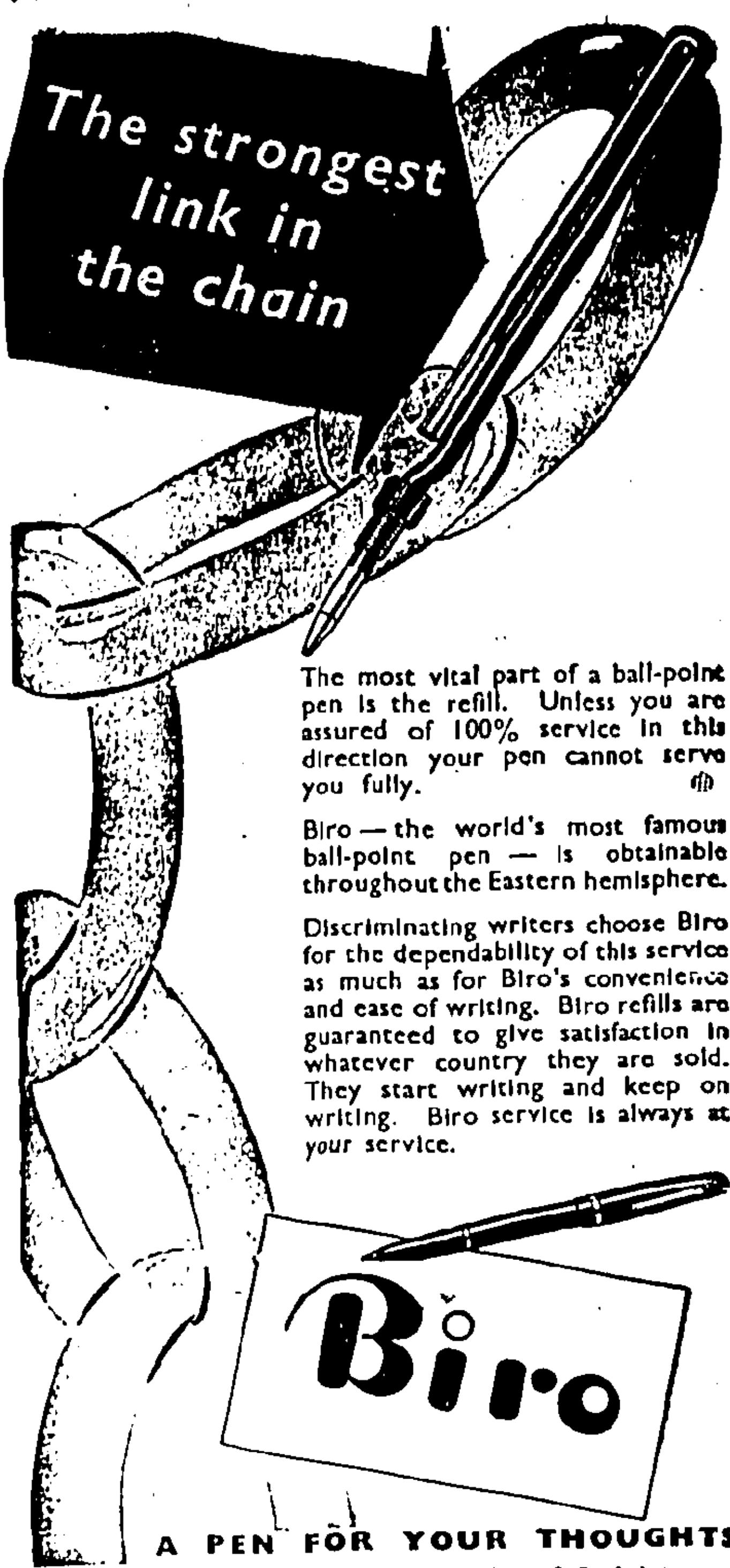
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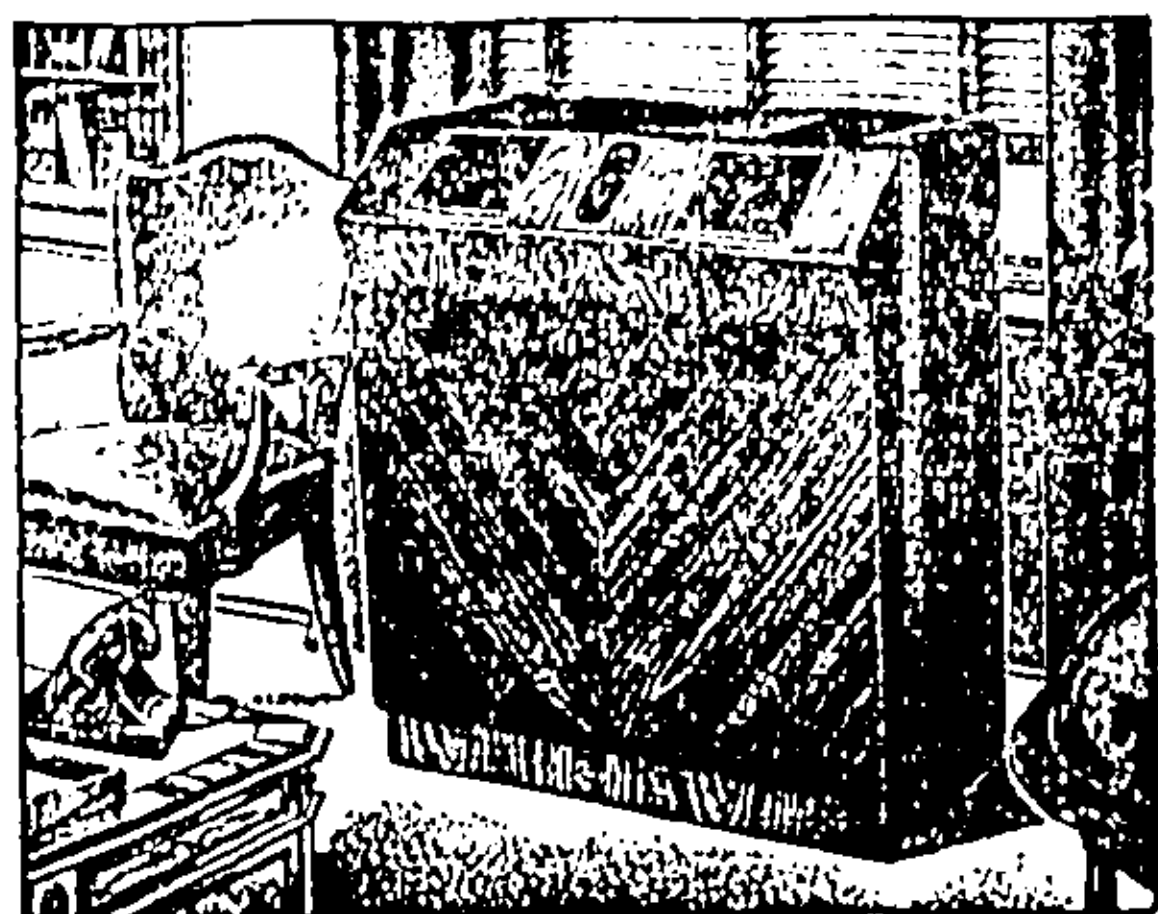
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NO PEACE IN SIGHT YET FOR INDONESIA

Batavia, April 9.

No peace is in sight for weary Indonesia, Guerrilla warfare has been taking an estimated 100 lives daily in Java and Sumatra since the Dutch started their "police action" last December.

The mounting, spreading violence has convinced most persons here that an end to the fighting between the Dutch troops and irregulars of the Indonesian Republic cannot be expected before an overall settlement is reached. This is at least several months away.

With new instructions from the United Nations, the American, Australian and Belgian members of the UN Commission for Indonesia have started all over again the tedious task of trying to bring together the Dutch and the natives.

The Commission invited the disputants to meet with them for first talks under U.N. auspices since formal negotiations broke down last Summer. The Commission's efforts over 18 months failed so completely that the situation is almost back where it was after the first Dutch military action in the Summer of 1947.

The second Dutch action of last December finally wiped out what was left of Republican territory in Java and cleared most of Sumatra. It did not muffle Republican Nationalism. It did not push the Republicans from their positions as the most influential Indonesian politicians.

The impoverished central Java city of Jogjakarta looms as the first likely stumbling block to successful talks. Sources close to the Dutch regime have speculated in the last few days that the Dutch may reverse their decision in the course of talks with the UN Commission. Even so, restoring the Republicans would at once raise a whole new string of disputes.

It would be difficult to set boundaries, agree on security forces, arrange finance and provide food supplies, transportation and communication. Such details have fouled negotiations for three years.

It is doubtful whether the Republicans, with their communications severed and forces scattered, could make any cease-fire order work at once. Reports from mid-Java indicate that Leftist groups and Communists have made headway organizing the hinterland while the Dutch have had their hands full keeping uncertain hold on cities and the roads connecting them.

The extreme Nationalists and Communists are said to have gathered under the banner of the people's party—Partai Murba, as the Indonesians say it. The party stands for an uncompromising stand against the Dutch.

The more moderate units of Republican Army managed last October to put down a Communist revolution led by Moscow-trained Musso. Sukarno's Government then kept a check on Leftists.

Estates Menaced
An estimated 20,000 were gaoled when the gaoled doors were opened when the Dutch slashed through the Republic in December.

Britain's Ship Claim Is Upheld

The Hague, April 9.

The International Court of Justice today upheld Britain's claim to damages from Albania for the crippling of two British destroyers by mines in the Corfu Channel in October, 1946.

The Court found Albania "responsible under international law" for the mining, in which 44 British sailors were killed and 42 injured.

Britain's claim was for £875,000. No "precise figure" for the damages awarded was mentioned in the opening of the judgement.

The Vice-President of the Court, Senator Jose Gustavo Guerrero, of Salvador said that the judgement was based on the "compromise" which was reached by the parties in January and submitted to the Court.

By 11 votes to five, the Court found that "Albania" is responsible under international law for the explosion on October 22, 1946, in the Corfu Channel, and for the damage and loss of human lives resulting therefrom.

By ten votes to six, it was decided that "further consideration" would be given to the amount of compensation to be granted to Britain.—Reuter.

Magistrate Wins His Appeal

Winchester, April 9.

The Hampshire Appeals Committee today allowed the appeal of Colonel Ernest Mervyn Joseph, Chief Magistrate of Colombo, Ceylon, against a conviction for theft.

Colonel Joseph, who was not in court, was said to be in Ceylon. He appealed against a conviction by the Oudham Justices of stealing a Christmas tree worth 4/0d, last December during his first visit to England.

Mr. G.D. Roberts, King's Counsel, calling evidence for Colonel Joseph, said: "This is an exceptional case. The jungle in Ceylon is anybody's and he might have thought that that applied here."

The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. C. Chute, said that had the Oudham Court been in possession of the facts they probably would not have convicted.—Reuter.

British Attitude To Spain

London, April 9.

The British Government has, at the request of the Spanish Government, transferred Mr. Thomas Bates from the British Consulate at Las Palmas, in the Canary Islands.

Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, told the House of Commons today that the Government does not admit the Spanish allegations that Mr. Bates had indulged in hostile activities, but it does not seem that Mr. Bates will from now on be able to carry out his duties satisfactorily in a Spanish post.

He has been withdrawn under protest, and another British official sent to the post.—Reuter.

"BOURGEOIS" DANCES OUT

Moscow, April 9.

The popular movement against Western "bourgeois" ballroom dancing advanced another step with the selection by Soviet choreographers of classical Russian dances to be introduced throughout the country.

The "All Union House of Popular Creativeness" held an exhibition of Russian dances such as figure walking, polkas and Ukrainian folk dances for this purpose.

The trade union newspaper "Trud" said: "These dances will take their legitimate place of honour in workers' clubs."—United Press.

USAF To Keep Up Airlift

Washington, April 10.

The U.S. Air Force plans to keep flying supplies into blockaded Berlin indefinitely. Leading Air Force Officials told this to the House Appropriations Committee yesterday, but said that last February the Air Force hoped that it might have ended the airlift this summer. They said they do not expect war during the year starting July 1, although they added it was a possibility at any time.

The Air Force did not ask for any appropriation in its 1950 budget for the airlift, but it will presumably do as it did last year—take the money from its other funds and then ask Congress to make up the difference later.—Associated Press.

Sweden Not To Join New Pact

Philadelphia, April 9.

Mr. Erik Boheman, Swedish Ambassador to the United States, said last night that his country decided not to join the North Atlantic Pact because of its own "considerable" armed strength.

However, Mr. Boheman said, Sweden hopes the pact will secure peace and will permit the people of free Europe to work without fear in their hearts.

Mr. Boheman told the annual meeting of the Swedish Colonial Society that Sweden was not in a position to join the pact and was able to build considerable military defenses. He said Sweden's position in international affairs is not one of easy escapism. It demands considerable sacrifices from the Swedish people.

The Ambassador said Sweden is determined to retain its "traditional democratic way of life."—United Press.

CARPENTER SENTENCED

For escaping from lawful custody and breach of a deportation order, Wong Ting, aged 31, carpenter, was sentenced to one year and re-arrestment by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

The prosecution stated that on April 5, defendant was having his finger prints taken in the charge room of Shaikwan Police Station. Defendant suddenly dashed out of the station and was chased by the police.

During the course of the chase, six shots were fired at defendant, one hitting his left foot.

Fire-Eating Artist Is Army Deserter

Burtonwood, England, April 9.

A female impersonator who performed fire-eating in English music halls and described as a "red hot mama" confessed today he was a deserter from the American army.

The fire-eater, alleged to be an off-stage Lothario, was reported turned in by one of his many English girl friends whom he jilted.

Officials are checking with deserters' files in Washington on whether "Miss Donna Delbert" actually was Pfc. Delbert Hill of Philadelphia. He gave his age as 36.

The military police at Burtonwood air base removed his female padding including "falsies" along with a woman's blouse, slacks, nylons and women's sandals. The army barber took a look at his shoulder-length dark, curly hair and gave him a close haircut. The MP's were not able however to alter his plucked eyebrows and dainty varnished nails.

He was said to have masqueraded through his life in England as an American widow of a British tank gunner killed in the Normandy invasion.—United Press.

New York, April 9. Mr. Henry Wallace last night sent a letter to President Truman, declaring that it was never too late to start on the path of peaceful negotiation with Russia.

"Your present course," he told the President "can only end in disaster for you, for the United States and for the world."—Reuter.

Allied Talks On Germany Include Secret Questions

Washington, April 10.

It was learned last night that the talks between the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, the British Foreign Secretary Mr. Ernest Bevin, and the French Foreign Minister, Mr. Robert Schuman, which ended on Friday, covered considerably more ground with respect to Germany than was disclosed in the official communiqué.

One of the questions considered and officially kept in secret category was what should be the attitude of the West if the Russians suddenly announced that they were lifting the Berlin blockade and were ready to talk about the unification of Germany as a whole.

Another question raised, considered and quietly filed away was whether the Western powers should do anything now about stabilizing German industry.

Mr. Bevin advocated the British policy of nationalization of the German iron, coal and steel industries.

Finally and reluctantly, Mr. Bevin agreed to accept as a working principle the American policy that such issues should be left to the German people themselves to decide when they have a government.

The third issue, handled by referring it to the future, was the plan of M. Schuman to reshuffle the border between the French and American zones of Germany so that it would in general be aligned with the borders of the German states which it now cuts across. In this case the decision was to leave the situation unchanged until the creation of a Western German government and trizonal fusion.

Predominant Voice
The fourth point not officially announced yet was that the U.S. obtained a predominant voice in German economic affairs.

This came about because the U.S. pays most of the bills to maintain German civilian economy.

One report was that in making economic decisions in the Allied Control agencies for the proposed trizone area, the U.S. is to have two votes to one each for the British and French.

The problem of how to deal with Russia was complicated by the fact that no one in the Western camp knows even in a general way what the Russians may do next.

The basic decision of the three Foreign Ministers on this point, however, was that they should go forward with their own plans for unifying Germany in spite of continuing Soviet pressure, at the same time remaining prepared for Russian counter-moves.—Associated Press.

Child Drops 87 Feet Into Well

San Marino, California, April 9.

A three-year-old child fell into a 14-inch abandoned well-pipe last night and five hours later rescuers believed she had fallen at least 87 feet into the well.

The rubber balloon end of a steel tape measure stopped at the 87-foot level when it was lowered into the narrow, 120-foot hole. The engineer who conducted the experiment believed Maty Fiscus was probably stuck at that point.

Rescuers with heavy duty equipment dug on both sides of the well in an effort to reach a point from which they could dig a transverse tunnel into the main shaft. Plans to lower midgels, jockeys and circus thin men who volunteered for the job were abandoned when it was feared they would be severely cut in the rough, corroded pipe. It was feared the child herself may have been hurt in the fall. Her cries were audible until 9:30 p.m., but a microphone lowered into the hole later failed to record any sounds. Johnny, famed midglet mascot for Philip Morris cigarettes, appearing on a Hollywood radio show, was rushed to the scene under police escort when he volunteered to go down for the child, but the attempt was abandoned.

The child's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Fiscus, sat tensely in a nearby car and watched the rescue operations for their daughter. Police received phone calls from all over the United States with suggestions for rescuing the child.

Heavy duty equipment dug down on both sides of the well as firemen pumped air into the corroded metal tube. Police said they did not expect to reach the girl's level until after 10 a.m. EST. Then they planned to cut into the side of the well and try to reach her.

A thermometer lowered into the shaft registered 90 degrees at the 87-foot where the child is believed to be.—United Press.

Craziest Fire Story Of 1949

New York, April 9.

The Fire Protection Institute told the following as the craziest fire story of the year.

A Gloria Miller discovered the doorknob on fire in her Pasadena, California, boarding house home. She put it out.

Next day she was summoned to the municipal court for violating the State Housing Act, which forbids anyone from putting out a fire without first notifying the local Fire Department.

The Institute said Miss Miller's \$25 fine was paid by her landlord, William Berk, who also reduced her rent 10 per cent for saving his house.—United Press.

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RENEWED MOVE FOR MORE CHINA HELP

Japanese Employment Problem

Tokyo, April 10. Japanese are not convinced by the recent statement by Mr. Joseph Dodge, financial adviser to General MacArthur, that there will be no unemployment problem in this country.

Japanese labour experts believe that Japan this year faces its worst unemployment crisis in history.

Talk of such a crisis was first heard late last year when the Government announced plans to discharge approximately 1,350,000 Government and private industry workers under a retrenchment programme designed to cut down unnecessary expenditure.

But the Government simultaneously announced measures to absorb resulting unemployed into other industries and a programme for increased unemployment relief.

Under these measures, a Government announcement said, 200,000 jobs would be absorbed in export industries, 200,000 by various private enterprises, 400,000 by public enterprises. Unemployment insurance would provide for 50,000 and relief would continue for 180 days instead of the present 30 days.

Efforts would be made to provide houses for workers and special councils would be established to handle transfer of discharged workers into other industries. It was stated.

Little Hope

Labour experts, however, point out that it is one thing to formulate plans and another to put them into practice. Under prevailing economic conditions they hold little hope that Government plans will materialise according to expectations.

Increases in the number of workers in industries already working to capacity would only serve to create a labour surplus without improving production. Absorption of jobs in public enterprises such as road construction cannot be counter-balanced by the increased raw materials with which to provide these men with work, they say.

Estimates of unemployed resulting from the retrenchment programme range up to 2,000,000.

Although the Government and private industries have yet made no movement to put their plans into practice, symptoms of large-scale unemployment are already evident, according to Mr. Kunio Yoshida, chief of the Government's Employment Stabilisation Board.

Ministry Census

Out of 400,000 seeking employment last July only 150,000 were able to find jobs, Mr. Saito said. Labour Ministry census taken in October last year shows there were 670,000 unemployed at that time.

This is the first major upward trend of unemployment, the Labour Ministry said. This figure added to the number discharged under the personnel reduction programme would bring the total to more than 2,000,000.

Mr. Saito estimates that 500,000 will be discharged by administrative reforms in Government offices and 600,000 from adjustment in private enterprise.

There will also be approximately 150,000 school graduates unable to find jobs. On top of this there are 400,000 repatriates still seeking work.

The authorities concerned generally agreed that the only solution to the problem is to make more openings for workers through the conversion of comparatively inactive domestic industries into dollar-earning export industries.

Mr. Saito is a strong advocate of this method. But this, he said, would take time, possibly four or five years. Temporary employment must be created to provide work during the interim period.

Informed observers believe that mass discharge of workers will result in the creation of a vast labour pool until such a time as other permanent jobs can be provided for them. This would lead to the revival of slave labour which before the war was responsible for Japanese exports under-cutting international market prices.

Whether the Government succeeds in averting an unemployment crisis remains to be seen.

At least one beneficial effect of the retrenchment programme will be to reduce over-stuffed Government and private business offices to more reasonable proportions.—Reuter-AAP.

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Washington, April 10.

The European Recovery Programme shifted to the U.S. House of Representatives yesterday, bringing a renewed move for more aid to China.

Representative Lawrence H. Smith, Republican, led a fight to cut US\$500,000,000 from the second Marshall aid programme and revive financial help for Nationalist China.

Simultaneously, Representative Vito Marcantonio, American Labour Party, attacked the US\$5,580,000,000 European aid programme, saying: "This is a war budget. This is insanity. This is not a matter of aiding Europe."

Mr. Smith said Russia is using the European situation as a shield for its real aims in Asia. He said these are to obtain raw materials for industrial use and to extend Soviet political influence. The Russians, he said, are in a mad race to take over Asia without firing a shot.

"Then, like sitting ducks," he said, "the Philippines will fall, Japan, the islands of the Pacific, and yes, Mr. Chairman, perhaps our own Alaska. Do not laugh off this situation."

The U.S. is spending billions to meet the threat of Communism in Europe, he explained, but in China, "We have nurtured Communism by insisting that the Nationalist Government organise a coalition and accept Communists into strategic positions."

Present Policy

"I charge here and now, Mr. Chairman, that it is the present policy of the State Department to do business with the Communists in China if the opportunity is presented. The move right now is to eliminate the official of the Republic of China."

"Are we sincerely trying to stop Communism? There are serious doubts in my mind. If China collapses, Mr. Smith said, a continent will be communised and the way will be open for Red Russia's mastery over more than half of the world's population."

Russia should be stopped in Europe, he said, but not at the risk of the Communisation of Asia and the Pacific Islands.

But Representative Smith said he was against shifting the responsibility. He said there are signs that "we may be headed for a violent economic shake down." So, he suggested at least a \$500,000,000 dollar cut in the ECA programme. He said that could be done without impairing it.

Will Be Defeated

Speaker Sam Rayburn predicted to reporters that Mr. Smith's proposal or any similar to it will be defeated decisively.

Yesterday was reserved for talk and talk alone. The voting probably will start next week.

Both Republicans and Democrats appeared to be lining up in strength behind the second round of economic aid. There seems little likelihood that restrictive amendments will be adopted.

Chairman John Kee of the Foreign Affairs Committee led arguments for the bill. He pictured America in the path of a giant octopus driving toward the sea, tentacles outstretched.

Mr. Kee shouted that it is to America's national interest to contain this power which is "rotting the chains of human slavery."

The House adjourned until Monday after five hours of debate.—Associated Press.

INAUGURATION OF INDIAN GROUP

New Delhi, April 9.

The Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, today inaugurated the Indian National Commission for co-operation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).

The Commission consists of 28 members representing voluntary educational organisations in India, the Central Provinces and State Governments.—Reuter.

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Record U.S. Post-War Armed Forces

Washington, April 9.

A record post-war military budget of \$15,909,116,800, was approved today by the United States House Appropriations Committee.

The figure was more than \$500,000,000 greater than the amount previously requested by President Truman. Last year's figure was \$10,454,477,413.

The lion's share of the budget goes to the Air Force. In a statement accompanying the budget, Representative George H. Mahon, (Democrat Texas), Chairman of the Sub-Committee which drafted the measure, declared:

"There seems to be no road for us to follow except the road of anxiety and sacrifice. We have no other course open to us with so many ominous signs on the horizon of our world."

"We would be faithless to our trust if we failed to prepare for trouble and thereby seek to avoid it. If war comes, we are appraising too little. If we have miscalculated the dangers, if the threat of war is just a deceptive mirage on the horizon we are appraising too much."

The Bill carries, in addition, \$3,700,000 for the National Security Resources Board and \$180,000,000 in retirement pay for the Service.

The full \$15,909,116,800 requested for research and development (including the study of new weapons) was approved by the Committee.

The biggest increase over the President's figure was for the Air Force for buying planes and training personnel to man them.

The total for this purpose was \$209,000,000 in cash and \$642,000,000 in contract authority.

There were slight reductions in some Air Force items, such as civilian personnel.

No War This Year

Air Force leaders told the Committee that they did not expect war next year, although it was a possibility. The Sec.

retary of Air, Mr. Stuart Symington, said he did not expect hostilities in the near future because no possible aggressor might have the atomic bomb before 1952.

Lieutenant-General Howard A. Craig, Deputy Air Force Chief of Staff, claimed that the United States knew exactly what the Russians had found out about German atomic energy research.

General Omar Bradley, Army Chief of Staff told the Committee that he did not anticipate war within the year ending June 30, 1950.

"Last year I was more worried than I am at the present time," he added without elaboration.

The Bill contemplates a fleet of 731 ships, including the battleship Missouri, eight heavy carriers, 11 escorts and light carriers, 18 cruisers, 170 destroyers and destroyer escorts, 80 submarines, 90 mine craft and patrol craft, 84 amphibious craft and 260 auxiliary vessels.

The Bill includes \$43,000,000 for next year's payment of construction costs of a super aircraft carrier expected to cost \$180,000,000.

The Committee made no budget cuts in funds for naval air power, which would receive more than \$1,000 million in cash and \$576,000,000 in contract authority.

Spokesmen told the Committee that they believe the Navy could still strike swiftly in any part of the world although the Navy Secretary, Mr. John L. Sullivan, said that the budget would permit the purchase of only 843 new planes, or exactly half the number we should be getting if we are to maintain our force in first-line condition.

Efforts to increase the naval air fund were expected when the Bill comes before the House next week for debate.

The Navy plans to have 7,765 planes in use next year, almost 3,000 fewer than this year.

Mr. Sullivan told the Committee, without elaborating, that "another Power has in excess of 250 submarines right at the moment."

No reductions were made in the planned strength of the Army, including national guard and reserve units.—Reuter.

COURT MARTIAL ADJOURNED

Hyderabad, April 9.

The court martial trying Hyderabad Army Brigadier Syed Habib Ahmed for abetting the murder of a British civilian, Mr. F. H. Rouan, was adjourned today. The trial will be resumed on April 23.

Mr. Rouan was killed during the Indian action against Hyderabad last September.—Reuter.

African Witch Doctors Sentenced To Gaol

Serows, Bechuanaland, April 9.

Two African witch doctors who appeared before a tribal council meeting called here by Chief Tshokedi Regent of the Bamangwato tribe, have each been sentenced to 21 months' hard labour for practising their arts.

During the hearing, women rolled on the ground in convulsions. Half a dozen people fell down unconscious; several did not recover for some time.

All the beasts and money obtained by the witch doctors were confiscated. Men and women who took part in their rituals were fined one beast each for brewing beer publicly, contrary to a tribal law.

All who took part in the rituals were rounded up and tried by the council. Evidence was given that the witch doctors discovered a herb of great benefit to sufferers from heart trouble.

They treated heart cases by making the patient's relatives brew beer, to which they added herbs. A fee of five shillings, plus two goats or oxen, according to the wealth of the patient, was charged. All the animals given in payment had to be either black or pure white.

The beer brewing was followed by ritual dancing until those taking part fell exhausted.

The doctors attracted more and more patients until at last the people began to worship them, it was stated. Under the unwritten code of the Bamangwato tribe there is no police.

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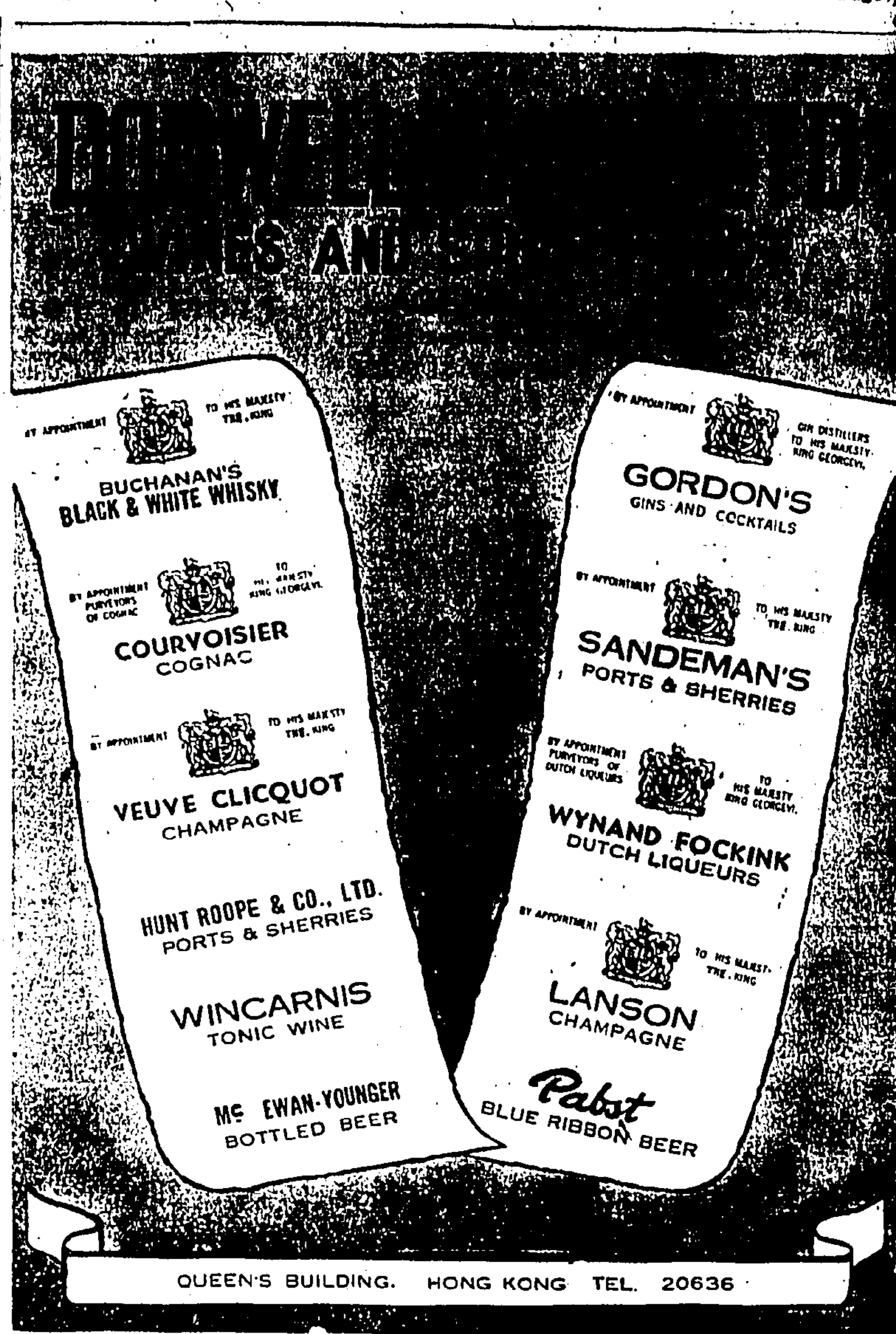
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Fierce Fighting Raging At Insein; Govt Forces Attack

No American Withdrawal From Korea

Washington, April 9.
Army and staff sources today
discounted reports of United
States troop withdrawal from
Korea at this time.

Both pointed out, however, that
the U.S. was committed to eventual
complete withdrawal of its
troops from Korea. They said
there would be the customary
troop readjustments at the end
of the fiscal year 1949, which is in
July.

The United States has approximately
7,700 troops in Korea.

"As for now, at this moment,
there are no preparations or plans
for troop withdrawal from Korea,"
said Army sources.

A State Department spokesman
added, "I know of no anticipated
immediate withdrawal." He added,
however, that he understood there
would be personnel and unit
readjustments at the end of the
fiscal year because of budgetary
appropriation limitations.

The Department said final
withdrawal of all U.S. troops
from Korea would be made only
after consultation with the
Korean Republican government
and the U.N. mission now there.

State and Army sources said
they believed the withdrawal
rumours started in Honolulu with
reports that the Army there was
preparing to receive troops from
Korea. — United Press.

HEAVY FIGHTING IN GREECE

London, April 9.
Increasingly intense fighting in
Epirus was reported by Athens
Radio tonight. Greek Army forces
were endeavouring to clear the
region to which the guerrillas had
infiltrated from Albania, the
Radio said.

The Radio said action by Greek
Air Force planes had caused very
severe casualties. Tonight's Greek
General Staff communique said
the Greek Army's offensive operations
were continuing on the
Mount Grammos front on the
Albanian border. — Reuter.

Rangoon, April 9.
Fierce fighting between Karen rebels and Government troops was raging tonight at Insein, 10 miles north of Rangoon, according to a pro-Government report here. The Government forces launched an attack against the rebels yesterday after the breakdown of the peace negotiations.

Burmese Army artillery shelled Karen positions as the Government troops advanced along the Rangoon-Insein road. Twenty Karens were killed and several injured, it was claimed.

The Government troops started their air and land attacks on the Karens at Insein yesterday after the insurgents had failed to surrender as planned. Saw Ba U Gyi was to have handed in the surrender at the Burma Army Headquarters on the Rangoon-Insein road, but he did not arrive.

The formal surrender was originally to have taken place on Thursday, but was postponed because the Karens were apprehensive about the presence of Government gunboats in the Hlaing river west of Insein. Orders were given later for the withdrawal of the gunboats.

Pro-Government reports on Thursday said Saw Ba U Gyi was appealing by radio to Karen commanders in other parts of Burma, asking them to cease fire and lay down their arms.

Peace talks between the Burma Government and the Karens at Insein broke down because the Karens insisted upon a country-wide truce to enable military and political leaders from all the battle zones to discuss terms of an official announcement said here tonight.

The Karens also demanded that the leaders of the other minority groups, including the Chin, Kachin, Shan and Mons tribes, take part in the truce discussions and put no fighting forces would cross into Karen-held territory during the truce.

The Burmese Government naturally could not consider these proposals, the announcement stated. The Karen proposals extended beyond the agreement between the Government and Saw Ba U Gyi, reached last Tuesday, it claimed.

Under this agreement, the Government promised an amnesty with no discrimination against the Karens or other minority groups, agreed to

Greek Govt's Request

Athens, April 10.
A request to Mr. Ernest Bevin, Britain's Foreign Secretary, and Mr. Dean Acheson, U.S. Secretary of State, to take an interest in the safeguarding of peace in the Balkans has been made by the Greek Foreign Minister, Constantine Tsaldaris.

Yesterday it was learned that Greece has received a reply saying that the question is being considered. — Associated Press.

Currency Plan Puts Berlin Reds On Spot

Berlin, April 9.
A number of prominent Berlin Communists may be forced to move their homes in the Western sectors because of a new currency decision by the Western City Administration.

An official spokesman said today that paid employees of the Communist-dominated Socialist Unity Party and the Communist-controlled Free German Trade Union Movement will no longer be able to exchange up to 60 per cent of their East mark earnings into West marks at par.

They had been able to do this under a concession granted when the West mark was made the only legal tender in the Western sectors last month.

The exchange concession has been suspended temporarily for the employees of Soviet-licensed newspapers and the professors of the Humboldt University, which lies in the Soviet sector, but no final decision has yet been taken in these cases.

Since rents and rations in the Western sector must be paid in expensive Western marks, many thousands of Berliners are now faced with the choice of giving up their work in the Soviet sector, or leaving their homes in the Western sectors and moving to the East, where they can pay their rents and rations in East marks which they earn. — Reuter.

Russia Rejects Plan On Italian Colonies

Lake Success, April 9.
Russia today rejected the British and American proposals for the disposal of the former Italian colonies in Africa.

As the first speaker in the United Nations Political Committee debate on the colonies, Mr. Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet delegate, said the solutions of the problem proposed by Britain and the United States were entirely inadmissible.

Earlier, Mr. Gromyko accused Britain, the United States and France of having blatantly violated the terms of the Italian peace treaty on the question of the colonies. "These governments have fully ignored the desires of the peoples of the Italian colonies," he said.

"The General Assembly must decide who shall administer these territories and on what conditions. It is inadmissible that territories be taken away from one State and given to another State or a group of States only because some States would like to have them on the basis of their own interests, rather than in the interests of the United Nations as a whole."

Mr. Gromyko proposed placing the former Italian colonies under a multiple United Nations trusteeship with Italy as one of the trustees.

Attacks Britain

The Soviet delegate alleged earlier that the British administration of some of the colonies had worsened the living conditions there. Britain had dismantled and taken away certain equipment from Italian Somaliland, he said.

"All this confirms that Britain and America are transforming these territories into military springboards. They want to use these bases for their aggressive plans which have recently been intensified by the forging of military-political blocs directed against the new people's democracies."

Mr. Hector McNeill, for Britain, declared that no justification existed for these violent attacks on British administration and for imputing sinister motives to our intentions.

Assurances Wanted On Jerusalem

Lake Success, April 9.
Australia is expected to take the lead in the United Nations General Assembly to ensure that the future of Jerusalem is placed on a firm foundation before Israel's application for United Nations membership is finally approved.

There is growing disquiet among the many delegations because Israel has not yet given any definite assurance that she will abide by the Assembly's resolution last year providing for the administration of Jerusalem by an international regime and for the settlement of the refugee problem in Palestine.

The concern being felt about Israel's intentions was reflected in a speech this week by Dr. Herbert Evatt, the Australian President of the General Assembly, to a largely Jewish audience in New York. Speaking at a dinner given by the publishers of the strongly pro-Zionist magazine, The Nation, Dr. Evatt emphasised strongly that the internationalisation of Jerusalem must be completed and that the problem of the Arab refugees must be solved.

Dr. Moshe Sharett, the Israeli Foreign Minister, was among the guests at the dinner. — Reuter.



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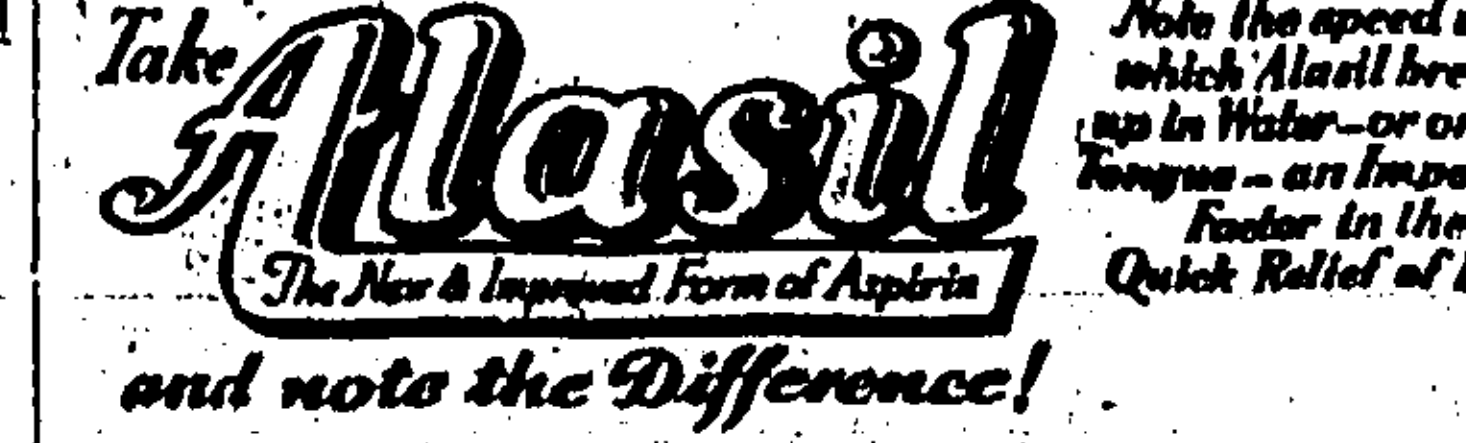
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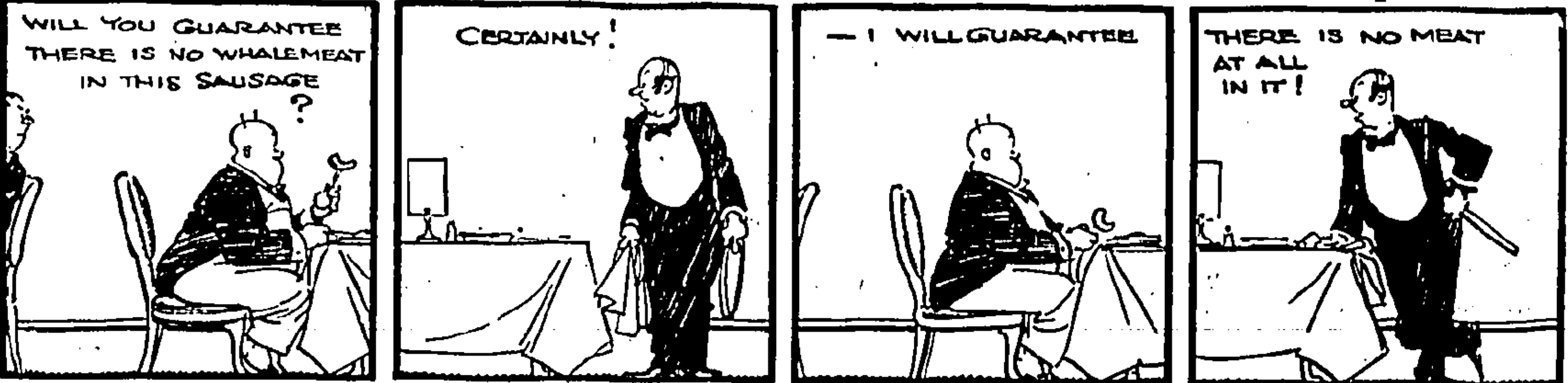
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Port Notes

Modern science is gradually breaking down the centuries-old barrier which has kept many of the old school from getting out of the traditionally-bound "stagnant".

One clear indication is the keen interest shown by the normally conventional local fishermen in the installation of diesel engines in their craft.

A local firm reports that numerous inquiries have been made during recent months and many orders are already bearing delivery.

During the past years the Colony's fishing industry has improved considerably by way of faster operations, bigger output and increasing returns, with the installation of engines in many fishing craft.

Equipped with mechanical propulsion, fishing craft can operate at any time of the year and also safely withstand bad weather. Sailing vessels have to recede during a quarter of the year because of prevailing bad weather.

Mechanised fishing vessels leave port to fish once a week and estimates of the returns average \$5,000 a trip.

Aberdeen, the original site of the Colony, is the home base of many of these modern fishing craft.

News of the American denunciation of the treatment of crews aboard Panamanian steamers was received with great jubilation by seamen of the Panamanian LST North Star.

"Perhaps this will turn out for the better of the seamen," is the consensus among the Filipino and Chinese crew, recently arrived from Red-held ports in North China.

Here are some of the dissenting echoes, voiced by the North Star personnel when approached aboard the freighter on her arrival here last week.

"We were never told that our destination would be Chinese Communist territory. Had we known about that before our departure from here, we would have quit."

The movement of the North Star en route was a mystery. She seemed to be taking a roundabout course as if trying to avoid somebody.

"We are planning to leave the ship. It is too dangerous running from Nationalist to Communist waters and back."

The North Star visited Shih Tau, at the Southern tip of the Red Shantung Peninsula, Chefoo and Tientsin Proper. She was in port at Chefoo when the deserting Nationalist cruiser Chungking was attacked by Government B-24 Liberators.

A presentation of souvenirs was made by Mr. Wong Chi-po, commander of the Mackinnon, Mackenzie Company, to Mr. N.O.C. Marsh, one of the company's partners, who is leaving the Colony next week.

Mr. Wong continues a family association in comradeship with the company for about 75 years, as between the P. and O. Company in the early pioneering days and the present agents.

Listening to "Johnny" Wong, 34-year-old quartermaster of the LST North Star, talk about his war services in several British ships and how "we beat the enemy," you would almost think it was a one-man war against the enemy.

Going to sea at the raw age of 14, Johnny has been at it for about 20 years. The native of Ningpo, China's main seafaring centre, said he had visited practically all countries that could be found on the globe during his nautical itinerary.

"I saw action in several engagements and every time the enemy suffered disastrously," the Northern Chinese proudly recalled.

(He hopes, to get a war medal in the next war, "and I think it'll be pretty soon, too.")

Not long ago, speculation was rife regarding the fate of the British steamer Haiyang.

Today she is lying idly at the Yaumati Anchorage, a few steps away from the Colony's well-known Scrap Dump at Lai-chi-kok.

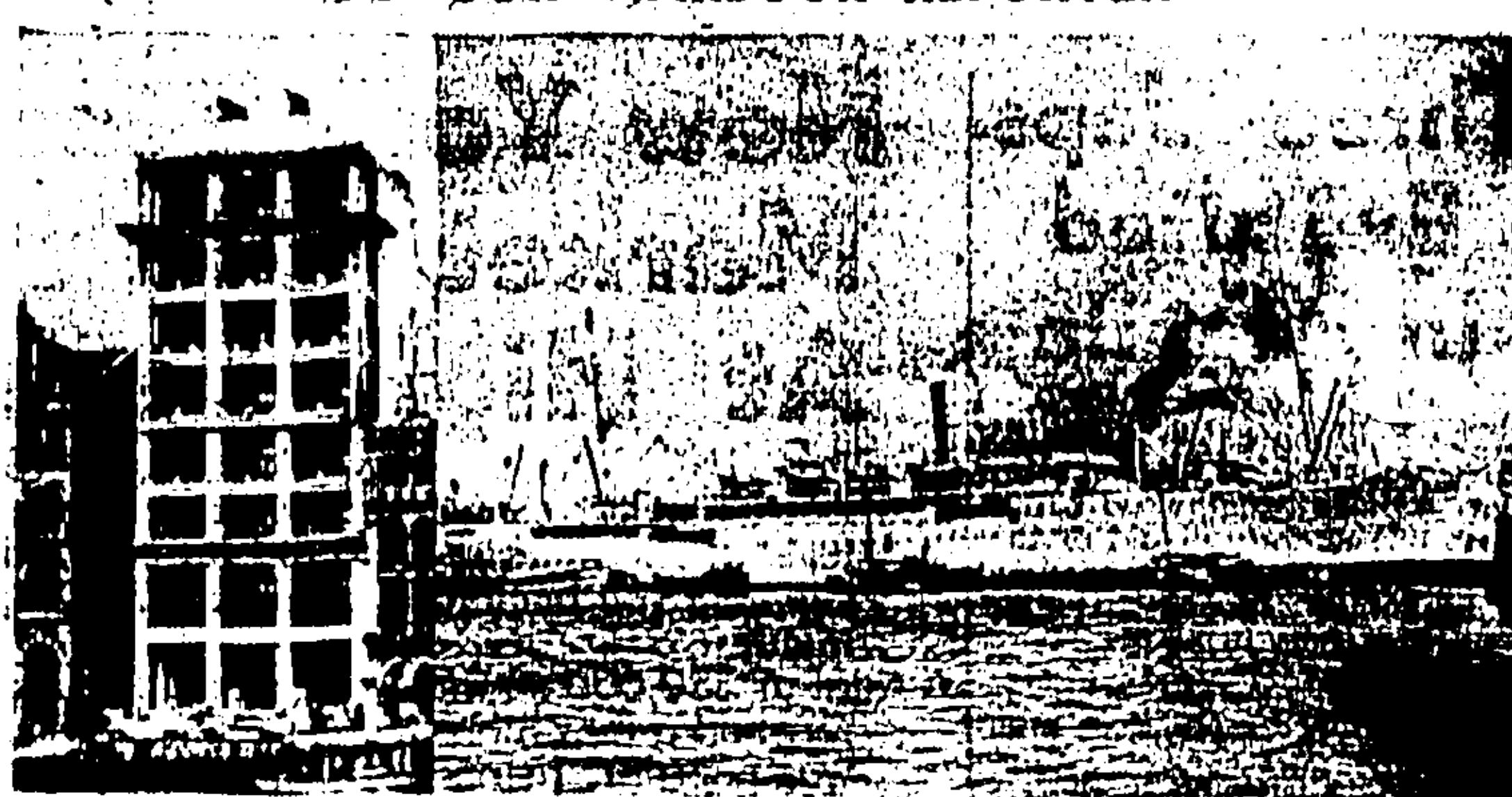
Except for a few pieces of py-jamas hanging from the aft mast, there is hardly any sign of life aboard the old China coaster, which had been sailing for about 40 years.

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The catch word "P. and O." often brings memories of the "good old days" to local residents, who were pioneers when the Colony was in its infancy. Seen here are the RMS Carthage one of the Line's modern passenger liners and the P. and O. Building, housing the local agents, Mackinnon, Mackenzie. ("China Mail" photo)

A Name That Recalls Memories Of Home

To thousands of sea travellers the catch-word "P. and O." never fails to recall memories of "home sweet home."

This sentiment dated as far back as nearly a century ago, when the Peninsula and Oriental Steamship Navigation Company was one of the few shipping firms maintaining sea communication between the Colony and Home.

In Hong Kong today, it is linked with one of the three major local British shipping organisations, Mackinnon, Mackenzie, local agents, housed in the P. and O. Building along the Connaught Road, Central, Praya.

Little is known of the local history of Mackinnon, Mackenzie since its establishment here in 1919 at the present site of the Queen's Dispensary premises, with the late Mr. E. V. D. Parr as the senior representative.

But the name of the founder, Mr. William (afterwards Sir William) Mackinnon is to be found in world history books, relative to East Africa.

It all began in 1847, when Mr. Mackinnon went to India to join an old Scottish friend, Mr. Robert Mackenzie, who was in the general merchandising business. Together they founded the Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Company.

In 1855, from which developed the British India Steam Navigation Company, today well known throughout the world and operating more than 70 ships.

Seeing the need for better sea communication they opened up new routes, one of which was with East Africa, which was, in 1875, comparatively unknown and dominated by the infamous slave traders.

The Mackinnon, Mackenzie Company, catered to Uganda in 1890, and its operations extended from Mombasa to the Albert Edward Nyanza and the North of the White Nile.

With the opening of the interior to overseas trade, slavery was gradually exterminated, thanks to the efforts of Mr. Mackinnon whose name is today part of East African history.

For the Uganda Government service on Lake Victoria a tiny steamer was designed and built in Scotland and named the ss. William Mackinnon, which played an important role in the first World War.

The vessel was shipped to Mombasa in parts and as the railway had not been completed then, every part had to be carried on the backs of porters from the coast to Kisumu on Lake Victoria, a distance of 600 miles.

Many vital plates and engine parts, however, were lost in the safaris and it was reported that

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Who's Who

If you've got nothing better to do ashore, then take to sea, it'll be worth your while in the long run.

That's what Mr. Charles Trot, veteran China Coast skipper who has been at sea for nearly half a century, advises the younger generation.

A Master Mariner for nearly 30 years, the 67-year-old captain of the ss. Kwongtung (Hong Kong-Macao) began his life afloat as a deckboy after several attempts at shore work, from canning sardines to cotton spinning.

"I took to sea to earn more money," said the native of Deal, Kent, who is the second of three sons of a boatman, whose father was in the whaling business.

"Charles" is the only one in this generation to take to the waters. His brothers, 69-year-old Bill and 64-year-old Ernest are "land-lubbers."

Beginning as a deckboy aboard the ss. Yurawong of the Land-Blue Anchor Line, Mr. Trot worked his way up with a "make or buy" ardour. He climbed up steadily to success and 10 years later, proved his master's certificate. His first ship as an officer was the ss. Moonta, engaged then in the Australian North-West cattle trade.

Hong Kong first heard of the veteran skipper in 1920, when he became master of the ss. Acadia, one of the Nomadic ships. Later he took command of the ss. Tai

Once during the 1914-1915 conflict, she steamed right into the fortified fort of Mwanza at the Southern end of the lake, which was in German hands, and out again without damage, the subject of that expedition being to try to draw the enemy's fire and thus ascertain the position and range of the guns.

In April, 1921, the steamer was transferred from Government to railway ownership since the Uganda railway, completed 12 months after the launching of the ship, had established a fleet on the lake.

She was engaged till July, 1929, when she was considered unfit for further service.

The gallant little craft, avoiding the ignominy of the ship-breaker's yard, was accorded a fitting end, being sunk with customary ceremonial in the waters where she had for so long been known.

Three of her cannon were taken ashore and mounted outside the office of the Senior Marine Engineer of the Railway at Kisumu.

In 1948, the East-African Railways and Harbours Administration offered to present one of these guns to the Mackinnon family, and in due course it was put aboard the ss. Landaura and sent to England.

Now, resting in a quiet and peaceful corner of Oxfordshire it will serve as a reminder of a man who first saw the possibilities of that vast territory, and a little steamer which played its part efficiently and faithfully.

During the First World War, Mr. Trot served aboard the troopship Wandalla, flying the "Cross and Daggers" ferrying troops from Australia to U.K.

"We were unarmed and unescorted. It's very lucky indeed that we did not meet the enemy at any time," he recalled.

Four days before the Colony was occupied by the Japanese in the last war, Mr. Trot was assigned to scuttle more than 20 "ghost" craft, many of which were earmarked for the Scrap Heap. One was sunk at each entrance of the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter, and the others went down scattered far and wide in the Harbour, after their water valves were taken off. His own ship, the ss. Macao, was scuttled at West Point.

Many of these wrecks, however, were salvaged after the Liberation.

Mr. Trot suffered his most miserable days when he was forced to be a "landlubber" for 44 months at Stanley during the Japanese occupation.

"I can still sail for many more years and retirement is still a long way off," the veteran declared.

A typical "sea-dog," Mr. Trot says he cannot "stay ashore too long."

"It's natural, you know; sort of got into one's blood," he asserted.

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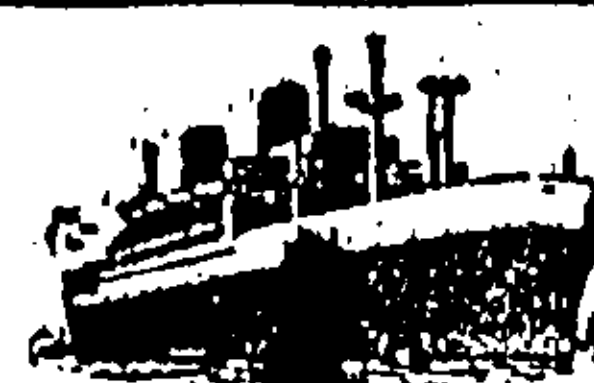
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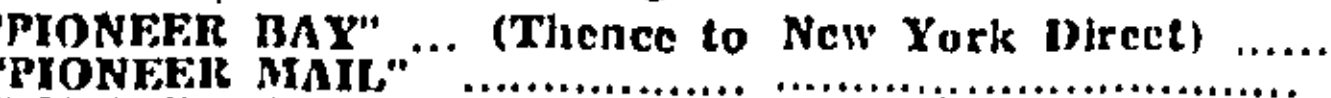
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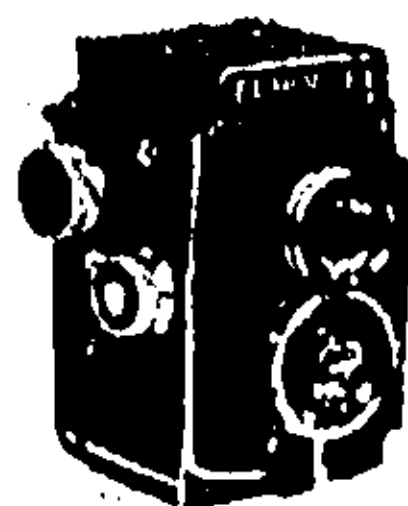
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In a clever exhibition of soccer at Sookunpoo yesterday, China beat England by five goals to two to win the International Charity Cup Competition.

LOCAL SOCCER TEAM WINNING IN MANILA

The Combined Christian Brothers' School Soccer XI now touring the Philippines followed up their 7-0 victory over National University on Saturday night with another win over a strong La Salle College team last night by one clear goal.

The game was played before a crowd of more than 10,000 spectators.

The winning goal was scored by Ko Po-keung from about 30 yards distance in the 10th minute of the second half.

Game On Saturday

About 5,000 spectators at the Rizal Stadium, Manila, on Saturday night, the Combined Hong Kong Christian Brothers' School Soccer XI defeated the National University team by seven goals to one.

The Combined Hong Kong XI thrilled spectators with their fast and accurate passing, which had the University team in all at sea. Dominating the play from start to finish, the Combined Hong Kong team took the lead three minutes from the kick-off and at half time were leading by three clear goals.

In the second half, the Combined Hong Kong XI scored two more goals to which the University replied with one, three Arsenal.

Goal scorers for the Combined Hong Kong XI were A.G. Ismail (1), Chu Kam-wing (2), Tam Chiu-sing (1), Yuen Chan-fai (1), Stephen Chan (1) and Ko Po-keung (1), all of whom played an outstanding game.

CSS SOCCER XI ARRIVING

The Combined Singapore Services Soccer XI will be arriving here at about nine o'clock this morning.

The visitors will be officially welcomed by the Hong Kong Football Association at a Cocktail Party at the Hong Kong Hotel tomorrow afternoon.

The following have been selected to represent Combined Services Hong Kong Combined Services Singapore:

Anderson (Army), Hughes (Army), Soutar (RAF), Weatherall (Army), Craighhead (Army), Rowlands (Army), West (Army), Simms (RN), Rafferty (RN), Marsden (Army) and Ramskill (Army).

Reserves: Tadman (RN), Robinson (Army) and Higgs (Army).

The Chinese were, without doubt, the better team and fully deserved their victory. There can be no escaping the fact, however, that England were badly let down by their selectors, who saw fit to drop both Brown and Ramskill from the English team.

On conclusion of the game, the Cup was presented by Mrs. J. McKelvie to Yu Yiu-tak, Captain of the Chinese team. Souvenirs were also presented to the players of both teams.

Three hearty cheers were given for Mrs. McKelvie, who was the recipient of a silver flower vase and bouquet.

The "surprise packet" of the English team was undoubtedly Catton, the goalie, who exceeded all expectations by giving a magnificent display between the sticks. His keen anticipation and excellent positioning did much to keep the score down. His only mistake throughout was that which allowed the Chinese to score their first goal. Apparently he was deceived by the flight of the ball and was under the impression it was going out of play.

In front of him, both Hughes and Toller gave a superb performance and though at times they were beaten by the tricky Chinese forwards, proved to be a tower of strength.

Forrow, in the pivotal position, was completely off form and rarely gave of his best. Nine times out of ten he was outwitted by the Chinese forwards and even when he did beat them to the ball and gained possession, he seldom knew what to do with it.

Tireless In Their Efforts
On his flanks, Robinson and Holloway were tireless in their efforts to hold the speedy and elusive Chinese wingers in check, but found the task by no means an easy one.

Rafferty, as leader of the English attack, was a trifle from start to finish but was, on the whole, much too slow for the fast winking Chinese defenders.

Of the two inside forwards, Kierman was undoubtedly the more brilliant. He played his usual brainy game and while trying hard to set the English forwards in motion, nevertheless found time to drop back and help the harassed defence.

The two wingers, West and Marsden, failed to impress and were rendered innocuous by the opposing defence.

The Chinese played well to a man and their accurate passes seldom went astray.

The two halves had comparatively easy time in goal and was troubled only on a very few occasions.

Of the two backs, Hau Yung-sang was the more spectacular. His hefty clearances and robust tackling did much to upset the English attack. Tse Kam-hung, the left back, played a quiet yet effective game.

Well-Placed Passes
In the intermediate line, Chau Man-shi outshone Hung Hing-yuk and Lau Chung-sang. He was not only clever in his interceptions, but was prominent in his feeding of the Chinese forwards with well placed passes.

Tung Yee-Kit, the Chinese centre-forward, struck his best form and was a continual source of worry to the English defence, his

speed on the ball being terrific. Li Chun-fat and Cheung Kam-hoi lent him invaluable aid, Li Chun-fat in particular playing a fine dishing game.

The two wingers, Ho Yin-fun and Chu Wing-keung, did not start off promisingly, but gradually settled down as play progressed and eventually proved a real threat to the English defence.

The game opened with the English attack taking the ball into Chinese territory, a dangerous move being nullified when the Chinese defence brought down Simms.

The English goal had a narrow escape when Catton left his charge to tackle Tang Yee-Kit, who flashed the ball to Ho Yin-fun. The latter shot before steadying himself and the ball went wide of the mark.

The Chinese continued to dominate the exchange and kept the English team penned in its own half of the field.

Catton Bombarded
The English goal was bombarded from all directions as the Chinese launched attack after attack. Catton was playing the game of his life and was repeatedly applauded for his brilliant saving of difficult shots from all angles.

Occasionally, the English attack broke away but they were never a serious menace, the only spectacular effort being that of West, who shook the crossbar of the Chinese goal with a powerful shot.

Time and again the Chinese forwards penetrated the English defence, but their erratic shooting robbed them of goals, even after they had lured Catton from his charge and were faced with an empty goal.

About five minutes before half time, the Chinese took the lead when Tang Yee-Kit, after cleverly eluding the English defence, sent in a high lob shot. To the amazement of all, the ball entered the net with Catton making no effort to save it. It was apparent that he was under the impression that the ball was going out of play.

The English team attacked strongly after this reverse, but the finishing of their forwards, who lacked cohesion, was weak.

Ride's Team Win Cricket

In an all-day cricket game at Pokfulam yesterday, a team led by Professor L.T. Ride beat the Hong Kong University Union by 29 runs.

Professor Ride fielded a strong team, which included E.L. Gosano, G.N. Gosano and A.P. Pereira.

Butting first, Professor Ride's team knocked off 153 runs. A Zimmerman was in good form and hit up 72 runs before being bowled by T.H. Lean, who took four for 51 and four for 58.

On their turn at the wicket, Hong Kong University Union was dismissed for 120 runs. G.H. Amman was top scorer with 41, and T.H. Lean took 16.

HK UNIVERSITY UNION
T. Lo, c N. Lo, b Pereira ... 0
G.N. Gosano ... 41
C.L. Huang, b L.T. Ride ... 4
D. Chelliah, c G. Elliott, b G.N. Gosano ... 12
S.M. Teh ... 10
Ride ... 10
S.A. Vannar, b F.R. Zimmerman ... 0
D.G. Hanson, b F.R. Zimmerman ... 4
T.C. Lean, c Pereira, b F.R. Zimmerman ... 0
T.H. Lean, c A. Zimmerman, b T.C. Lean ... 10
T.T. Chan, b G.N. Gosano ... 3
T.C. Koh, not out ... 29
Extras ... 29
Total ... 121

Bowling Analysis
A.P. Pereira Jr. 11 6 11 2
G.N. Gosano ... 8 1 3 28
F.R. Zimmerman ... 12 3 29
L.T. Ride ... 5 0 27
Extras ... 29

PROFESSOR RIDE'S TEAM
F.R. Zimmerman, c Huang, b T.H. Lean ... 0
A. Zimmerman, b S.M. Teh ... 72
G.N. Gosano, b T.H. Lean ... 4
E.L. Gosano, c T.H. Lean, b J.C. Koh ... 40
N. Lo, c D. Chelliah, b S.M. Teh ... 2
L.T. Ride, not out ... 14
A.M. Rodrigues, b T.H. Lean ... 0
M. Newton, c D. Chelliah, b S.M. Teh ... 0
E.H. Ibb, b T.H. Lean ... 0
G.F.S. Elliott, run out ... 0
A.P. Pereira, b S.M. Teh ... 0
Extras ... 17
Total ... 153

Bowling Analysis
T.H. Lean ... 14 2 51 4
S.M. Teh ... 17 4 58 4
J.C. Koh ... 6 3 20 1
S.A. Vannar ... 2 0 7 0

SOCCER MATCH vs SINGAPORE
The following will represent the Colony in a soccer match against Singapore Services on Saturday, April 16, at Sookunpoo.

Yue Yiu-tak (SCAA), Soutar (RAF), Hau King-sing (SJFC), Weatherall (Army), Craighhead (Army), Santos (SJFC), West (Army), Lung King-cheung (SCAA), Lo Wah-sing (CAA), Kierman (Club) Capt. and Main (Club).

Reserves: Catton (Club), Weller (Club), Hughes (Army), Rowlands (Navy), Rafferty (Navy) and Pereira (SJFC).

Team Manager: Mr. J.C. Gulnag.

'A' and Chu Wing-keung (SCAA 'A').

England: Catton (Navy), Hughes (Army), Toller (Navy), Robinson (Army), Forrow (Club), Rowlands (Navy), West (Army), Simms (Navy), Rafferty (Navy), Kierman (Club), and Marsden (Army).

(Club), Cheung Kam-hoi (SCAA 'A').

YMCA Defeat C & W In Hockey Surprise

(By "KIMBERLEY")
The YMCA brought off the hockey surprise of the week-end, defeating Cable and Wireless by the odd goal in five in a fairly good game at King's Park yesterday.

This was no "fluke shot" by the "Young Men" team. After their game display against the champions, Club de Recreo, last week, it became clear to many in the sport, that the YMCA hockey team have now pulled themselves—by sheer energy and grit—from the rut in which they have been for so long.

In the only other encounter, Recreo completed the final game in their fixture list by a 3-0 defeat over the Dutch Hockey Club.

Cable and Wireless started the game one man short. With this handicap, they nevertheless managed to ward off a persistent attack by the "Young Men" and scored the first goal.

Led by Boycott at centre-forward, the YMCA team made repeated sweeps into C and W area with increasing menace. The defence of C and W, however, held effectively, and the "Young Men" who, when within shooting distance were often clumsy and threw away many chances at netting.

C and W scored on a terrific break through that left the YMCA standing. They failed, however, to keep it up and with one short, were rightly falling back on the defence each time the YMCA made a telling thrust. Boycott netted for YMCA to level the score.

Second-Half Whistle
After the second half whistle, Gerry Rozza-Pereira took to the field in C and W colours. Gerry, incidentally, was injured in an accident previously, that bruised him badly and scarred his cheek.

He went on all the same and although there was no spectacular play in his game, Gerry fitted into his position in the C and W side.

The "Young Men" started the scoring in the second half to take the lead, Boycott cutting in from the side received a perfect from the wing and sent it into the net with effect to bring the score up to 2-1, in favour of the YMCA.

Play continued at a fast pace with both sides aiming to net. C and W had a goal to catch up, while the "Young Men" were not at all completely satisfied with this slight margin lead with play in his game, Gerry fitted into his position in the C and W side.

After a long spell of play in which the ball was rapidly transferred up and down the field, C and W's forward caught the ball from the centre, took it all the way up and placed it past Caynes, YMCA goal keeper, to equalise the score again.

The "Young Men" came back with consistent spurts to threaten C and W, but again lost their opportunities. Cleme, YMCA's wing, had speed when carrying the ball but was awkward and lost many precious moments in passing.

During one of these attacks by the "Young Men", the ball was hit from a distance. The C and W goalie, kicked but did not contact completely. Meanwhile, Elenkissop, the "Young Men" inside right followed through on the goalie's error to score the last goal giving YMCA victory just five minutes before the end.

Play Scrappy
Play was at times scrappy, but both sides never lost their sense of humour. The poor condition of the ground had something to do for the occasional "dangerous play", for which members of both teams received the referee's warnings.

The YMCA team acquitted themselves quite worthily by this victory. Especially so, as today's game standards will take up the position—if not surpass it—where it lasted in the winter of 1941.

Resault
R. N. Parker, b Franklin ... 0
Extras ... 8
Total (runs) ... 153

PANTON'S XI
J. Barrow, c Kerr, b Stepto ... 6
G. T. Rowe, lbw Stepto ... 1
A. D. Pantan, b Howard ... 0
M. Holme, b Graham ... 0
R. Tavelvires, st. Newton, b K. S. Wilson, c Wales, b Franklin ... 20
R. S. Cull, b Franklin ... 9
P. Mahon, c b Franklin ... 8
H. T. Alexander, not out ... 14
J. Holmes, b Franklin ... 14
R. N. Parker, b Franklin ... 0
Extras ... 8
Total (runs) ... 153

Bowling Analysis
A. Stepto ... 12 2 39 2
W. L. Howard ... 7 1 21 1
C. D. Wales ... 0 1 13 1
O. J. Kerr ... 2 1 10 1
A. Graham ... 5 1 10 1
R. W. Franklin ... 5 3 25 5
A. S. Eron ... 2 1 18 1
A. P. Weir ... 2 1 8 1

The "Young Men" hockey team should, therefore, try to reach better heights in the league of next season, when there is every reason to expect that local hockey standards will take up the position—if not surpass it—where it lasted in the winter of 1941.

YMCA: 8 Cable & Wireless 3
Recreo: 3 Dutch Hockey Club 0

CANADIANS NOSE OUT 'CRESCENT' BY 5-4 IN SOFTBALL MATCH

(By "GRANDSTAND")
Those who strolled out to King's Park yesterday witnessed a thrilling softball exhibition when a local team comprising most of the senior League Canadians, nosed out as outfit from HMCS "Crescent" by 5-4, after the tussle had been extended to 12 innings before the 4-all dead-lock was broken.

The highlight of the fracas was the mound exhibition by "Crescent" hurler Ernie Tuttle who fanned a total of 19 victims. Ernie had shattered the local mark with 14 strike-outs to his credit, when he completed the regulation 7-inning stage.

Ernie Tuttle yielded 9 hits and gave out two passes to first base, while slacker Kassa Nazarin for the "Locals" fanned four and passed four. Both twirlers went the complete distance.

For five frames, neither side could make any headway and a string of horse-collars decorated the score-board. In the sixth the Crescentmen drew first blood when they dented the rubber three times, but an expensive bobble in the seventh allowed three local runs to cross the pan. Both sides tallied once each in the eighth, and went scoreless for the next three chapters, as they clamped down on air-tight ball.

WEEK-END SCORES AT A GLANCE
INTER-HONG LEAGUE
Stanvne 10 A.P.L. 4
Shell 11 Musicians 1
Gibbs 8 Caltex 15

EXHIBITION GAMES
H.M.C.S.
"Crescent" 4 H.K. All-Stars 5
White Fangs 20 Squaws 3

Olivers by chalking up their lone tally in the seventh when Spiky Gutierrez relieved Chappy Remedios for the brief period of two-third innings. In registering an 1-1 triumph over the Jive Boys, the Shellsters collected 11 hits off hurler Fred "Hot Lips" Diesta.

A Barrage Of Blows
Chappy Remedios on the mound for the Olivers limited the opposition to only three scattered singles. The Oilers unleashed a barrage of fouls, solid blows in the initial semester, to snatch an early three-run lead. While blanking the "Longhairs" for six frames the Shell Oilers steadily added clusters of runs to the score.

In the seventh Arnonon swung at a bad pitch but received a life as the tricky pitch eluded the catcher. Fred Diesta sacrificed Aloncon to third and S. Guman's wallop for a single scored Arnonon to break the string of eggs blanking the Oilers.

Remedios fed a single to the score-board. Gutierrez, who was working on the rubber walked Babida and Abraham in succession to choke the sacks, and Chappy Remedios was called back to finish the game.

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